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Cut-price air fares rejected

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Tottenham hope to set up a live television or radio link, admission free, with Bruges at White Hart Lane on Wednesday, to stop supporters travelling to Belgium Page 21

Chancellor calms loan rate fears as sterling falls

● The Chancellor of the Exchequer said last night that the Government would not be pressured into an interest rate rise by sterling's weakness.

● Sterling dropped 1½ cents against the dollar yesterday to close at $1.1860 in London.

● The pound was weak against all currencies, its index closing 0.9 down at 74.3, after touching a record low of 74.2.

● Another £1,700m was removed from share values on the stock market, bringing the loss over the past three days to £8,500m.

By Sarah Hogg and David Smith

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, last night tried to dampen fears of higher interest rates after a day in which the pound fell to $1.1860. Against all leading currencies, its index closed at 74.3, just above its all-time low.

Mr Lawson made it clear the Government would not be panicked on interest rates, although the financial markets had been nervous all day. The FT-30 share index dropped 14.4 points at one stage before dealers decided the three-day fall was overdone, and the index finished 4.2 down at 834.5.

The Chancellor told the annual City dinner at the Mansion House that there would be "no change" in policies and predicted falling inflation and good growth in output next year.

Mr Lawson said it was domestic money supply that determined interest rates and not the exchange rate. "We take the exchange rate into account when its behaviour suggests that the domestic monetary indicators are giving a false reading, which they are not," he said.

Implicitly acknowledging that there had been some confusion about government policy, Mr

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Lawson said it was important that "there is no misunderstanding in the markets". He insisted that domestic monetary growth was well within target ranges, and that interest rates had been falling since July as the markets came to appreciate this.

In July, said Mr Lawson, interest rates rose because there were doubts as to whether monetary policy was on track, and "a misplaced preoccupation with the sterling/dollar exhange rate. The Chancellor claimed that markets were now taking "a more balanced view of financial developments.

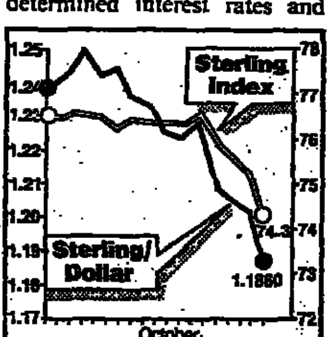
However, interest rates firmed slightly yesterday, as sterling weakened not only against the dollar, but also against the main European currency, the Deutsche mark. It closed in London at $1.1860 and DM3.6895.

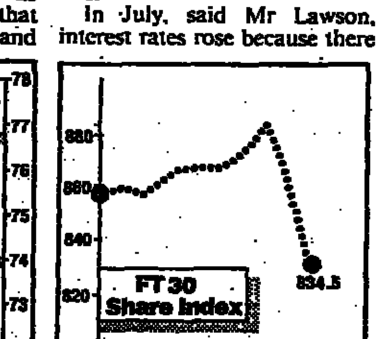
The Chancellor insisted there had been "no change" in policies, despite a "turbulent" world context and domestic pressures, in particular the continuing miners' strike. He reiterated Mr Peter Walker's claim that coal stocks have been rising, and that there is enough coal to see Britain through the winter.

Mr Lawson said that on the economic front, "the message has been clear". Inflatin was below 5 per cent, and said the Chancellor, "can confidently be expected to fall progressively as monetary growth continues to decline over the years ahead".

He claimed that excluding the effect of fluctuations in the mortgage rate, inflation in the first nine months of 1984 was only 4.6 per cent up on a year ago, compared with 5.3 per cent for the same period of 1983.

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Chancellor Nigel Lawson last night: no panic on interest rates. Photograph Suresh Karadia.

Walker urges Kinnock aid on pit solution

By Philip Webster and Barrie Clement

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, yesterday demonstrated the Government's desire for a coal settlement by attempting to enlist Mr Neil Kinnock's support for a solution based on the Acas compromise formula which would allow for an independent review body to consider disputed pit closures.

In tones which contrasted with the Prime Minister's "no surrender" statement of the day before, Mr Walker emphasized in a series of interviews that the Acas formula would apply to those pits named in March for closure, including Cortonwood.

Mr Walker was seizing on an interview by Mr Kinnock in which he had said that the Acas compromise would have provided a probability for a settlement if the National Coal Board had withdrawn its "hit list" of 20 pits.

Mr Walker told Mr Kinnock in a message and went from a Cabinet meeting to repeat on BBC Radio, that there was no hit list and that the Acas procedure applied to all pits.

He urged Mr Kinnock to use his influence with the National Union of Mineworkers and the it deputies' union, Nacods, to encourage them to come to a settlement on the Acas terms.

Althouth the two unions' negotiators were in fact aware of the application of the formula to all pits, Mr Walker's emphasis on the Acas formula was seen as reflection of concern in the Government over the Nacods decision to call a strike next Thursday.

Mr Kinnock said last night that the whole nation would want Mr Walker's position clarified.

If he was saying that the proposals of March for the closure of 20 pits, the loss of 20,000 jobs a four million tonnes capacity were being withdrawn, and that the colliery review procedure as it existed before March 6 was being returned to, all parties would be quick to get round the negotiating table.

For the first time Mr Walker had made an intervention that could attempt to lever things towards a settlement. Now he should take his responsibilities seriously and bring the sides together on the basis that the hit list was gone forever and the colliery review procedure reinstated, Mr Kinnock said.

The Nacods general secretary, Mr Peter McNestry, said that he was encouraged by Mr Walker's peace gesture.

He was prepared to attend negotiations at any time, but if they were to succeed, "the coal board will have to shift its position".

Mr McNestry indicated that he thought the move by Mr Walker constituted a change of attitude by the Government, rather than the offer of anything new.

"The encouraging thing is that he's talking this way. All they've talked about until now is winning the dispute and not giving in to the NUM."

Mr McNestry said that he was confident that his members would respond to the strike call, reinforced by an 82 per cent mandate in a national poll. But he added: "We don't want a strike. We want to negotiate."

Nacods leaders in the working Leicestershire coalfield made clear yesterday that they were reluctant to join the strike.

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Coal prices held

Domestic coal prices are to be held "for the time being", the National Coal Board said yesterday, but industrial users will pay 4.65 per cent more from November 1.

NCB likely to reject union's talks formula

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Miners' leaders yesterday indicated a readiness to resume peace talks that could end their eight-month-old strike. But they laid down conditions that the National Coal Board will regard as unacceptable.

The executive committee of the National Union of Mineworkers unanimously reaffirmed its hardline policy for a settlement and decided to instruct its 180,000 mining members not to cross Nacods pickets lines if the pit deputies stop work next Thursday.

The NUM executive agreed to a list of objectives it will put in any talks with the coal board. It is a strongly worded re-statement of the miners' original demands coupled with a new wording of the NCB's formula for future pit closures that would effectively remove management control over the industry.

However, there were some sharp exchanges within the executives. Mr Jim Colgan, Midlands area representative, proposed that the union should refuse to talk to Mr Ian McGregor, chairman of the NCB. He was backed by Mr Dennis Murphy, secretary of the Northumberland miners, but they were both over-ruled by their colleagues.

The tenor of the executive debate was one of sharper commitment to the strike, though there is still an indication that the moderates would like to get back into negotiations with the coal board.

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Opec calls special meeting

World oil prices set to fall

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

An official oil price cut by all world producers seems certain as prices fell on the spot-markets yesterday. The likelihood grew, after Britain announced that it would not cut its oil production if asked to by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

Opec ministers will meet on October 29 in Geneva to discuss their response to the oil price cuts by Britain and Norway. The move was described as "a case of the Norwegian dog wagging the British tail" by one oil industry expert who is widely regarded as an unofficial spokesman for the Saudi Arabian Oil Ministry. Opec had initially hoped to maintain price levels by slight cuts in output.

However, Britain's latest statement is likely to lead to a breaking of ranks within Opec and the official price level being cut. Abu Dhabi has already indicated to traders a price cut of 60 cents a barrel from Opec's $29 official marker price, and Libya is understood to be on the verge of announcing a price cut.

Nigeria, the country within Opec likely to be most badly hit by Britain's forcing prices down, is expected to make a price cut today. Nigeria's Oil Minister, Professor Tam David-West, was due to speak at an oil conference in London today, but yesterday cancelled his visit.

WORLD OIL PRODUCTION: FIRST SIX MONTHS, 1984

	1,000 barrels
Russia	2,254,250
USA	1,876,785
Saudi Arabia	859,820
Mexico	550,245
UK	464,380
Iran	400,050
China	392,500
Venezuela	327,565
Canada	319,213
Indonesia	278,775
All Opec	3,260,446
World total	10,568,800

Source: Petroleum Economist.

The other non-Opec oil exporters such as the Soviet Union, Mexico and Egypt are also expected to announce price cuts by the weekend.

Opec's annoyance at Britain's move – the Norwegian price cut was seen more as a re-alignment of contract prices than an outright cut – emerged yesterday as spot prices fell to $26.45 a barrel, $2.25 below the new UK market price of $28.65 cents.

An Opec spokesman in Vienna said the organization was determined to do everything it could to maintain the present price structure.

However, after holding production down for 18 months while Britain has pushed its up from just over 2 million barrels a say to about 2.4 million (bpd), Opec producers are in no mood to see Britain take first advantage of expected pre-winter stock-building.

Any fall in world oil prices will, however, bring little respite for the motorist. Oil industry sources last night said the fall in sterling has been so much greater than the fall in oil prices that a further rise in petrol prices to about 195p a gallon would be needed to prevent further losses being made on petrol sales in Britain.

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Lakeside love wins Booker

By Philip Howard Literary Editor

Anita Brookner was awarded the Booker-McConnell Prize for fiction last night for her novel *Hotel du Lac*, published by Cape's in September. The monetary value of the prize has been increased to £15,000 this year.

As sometimes happens in this zany annual business of grading novels into league tables, this year the book does honour to the prize, as well as the other way round.

***Hotel du Lac* tells the story of an irresistible English woman romantic novelist who has been exiled by her friends to a dim, out-of-season hotel on the banks of Lac Lémain, near Lausanne, for some mysterious misdemeanour or unpleasantness. Through her eyes, by indirections, we find directions out.**

It is a smashing love story. It is very romantic. It is also humorous, witty, touching, and formidably clever. Well done the judges.

In an engaging speech to the assembled literati of London in the old library, Guildhall, Professor Richard Cobb, chairman of this year's judges said: "It is not for a panel of judges in a novel prize to tell the general public what it ought to be reading; but to choose books that people are likely to want to read.

"In an operation of this kind one would not go for a Proust or a Joyce – not that I would know about that, never having read either.

"I do believe we have selected six books on the short list that people will enjoy reading because they will find them easy to read. But, of course, opinions may differ. One person's read may not be another's. A year or so ago I was quite amazed to hear one well-known pundit say that he found Barbara Pym boring".



Anita Brookner: Books people want to read

Durban 3 offer deal to Pretoria

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

The three anti-apartheid campaigners in the British consulate in Durban yesterday offered to leave immediately if the South African Government met at least one of four demands.

There was no immediate response from Pretoria, but it is unlikely it would be prepared to comply with any of the conditions set by the three men, Mr Archie Gumede, Mr Billy Nair and Mr Paul David. The drama at the consulate is thus likely to continue indefinitely unless brought to a forcible close.

In a statement issued by their lawyers in Durban, the three alo called on Britain to stop treating them as unwelcome guests.

The statement was released simultaneously in London by Mr Donald Anderson, the Labour Party spokesman on southern African affairs, who returned home yesterday from a four-day visit.

The fugatives say they will leave the consulate if any one of four conditions is met:

● All detentions notices served under Section 28 of the Internal Security Act are withdrawn;

● All names placed on the "consolidated list" as a result of detention under Section 28 are immediately removed and no use is made of Section 34, which bars persons who have been "listed" or convicted of certain offences under the Internal Security Act from practising as attorneys;

● The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange provides "full and proper reasons" for wishing to detain them and for arresting their three colleagues when they left the consulate on October 6;

● The South African Government issues the three men with passports enabling them to visit the United Nations in New York and appear before the special committee on apartheid, which they have been invited to address.

● LONDON: The Labour Party is urging the British Government to back the demand for a hearing at the UN

Only hours after arriving back, Mr Anderson said the request was reasonable and imaginative. Britain would be regarded as an "international pariah" if she ever tried to force the men to leave the consulate against their will.

Also in London yesterday, Britain put pressure on South Africa to return the four men – on bail from a Coventry court – to stand trial on arms smuggling charges on Monday.

Kinnock to visit Moscow

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Opposition, is to visit Moscow for talks in mid-November, according to informed sources here.

The Soviet press voiced approval of the defence policy adopted by the Labour Party conference earlier this month, noting that Labour had demanded the closure of all nuclear bases in Britain and the withdrawal of American cruise missiles.

● LONDON: A spokesman for Mr Kinnock said last night that East-West relations and, in particular, negotiations on the reduction of nuclear arms will be at the top of his Moscow agenda. But he also wants to raise human rights issues.

Warships collide as gales sweep Britain

By Robin Young

Gales up to 80 miles an hour blew down trees, knocked vehicles off roads, disrupted ferries and brought down power lines yesterday.

In Tuffley, near Gloucester, Mrs Lillian Finch was trapped in bed under rubble after her roof was blown off. More than 30 houses in the village were damaged.

HMS Glamorgan, and a German frigate collided in Portland Harbour, Dorset, during a force 10 gale. The Glamorgan, superficially damaged, left harbour to ride out the storm after the 2,315-tonne Bremen dragged its anchor and caught Glamorgan's anchor cable around its screw.

Ferries to the Isle of Man, the Western Isles, and between Wales and Ireland were stopped for several hours. The sail training vessel Francis Drake was dragged from moorings at Porthdinllaen, Gwynedd, and her 18 trainees battled through mountainous seas to Holyhead harbour.

The Seven Bridge was closed after an articulated lorry was blown over. In Ayrshire, a double-deck bus was blown ovwe and nine children were taken to hospital.

The Tay road bridge was closed to traffic. In Edinburgh, the Royal Commonwealth Pool was closed after wind damaged the roof. Two lorries were blown over on the M8 between Glasgow and Edinburgh.

The Lizard peninsular in Cornwall was almost cut off by fallen trees and power cables, and more than 30 roads were blocked in mid and west Wales. One road in Torquay was two feet deep in fallen leaves.

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Mafia's hand seen in Palermo stable massacre

Palermo (AP) – Eight men were shot dead in a stable here early yesterday in the worst ever gang massacre in this Mafia stronghold.

It happened less than three weeks after a big anti-Mafia operation which was triggered by the confessions of a jailed gangster, Tommaso Buscetta, who broke the Mafia's code of silence.

"A crime of this magnitude would not be possible without approval of the top Mafia command," said Judge Giovanni Falcone, who is investigating the organization's drug trafficking and other activities.

Five bullet-riddled bodies were pulled out of a hole dug for horse manure, while the other three were lying in a pool of blood nearby, police said.

Italian news agencies quoted police sources as saying that the area where the stable is located is controlled by the Marchese family, a Mafia clan, which included a splinter group linked to Buscetta.

Investigators said yesterday's victims had apparently been surprised while holding a meeting in the stable near Piazza Scaffa on the outskirts of Palermo. None of the victims was armed. The area around the stable is dotted with brothels, gambling dens and depositories of stolen goods.

At least six of the victims were said to have criminal records, all connected with organized crime. Among them were Cosimo Quattrocchi, aged 38, wanted on charges of criminal association, illegal possession of arms, sexual violence and causing injuries; his brother Francesco, age 34; their cousin, also Cosimo Quattrocchi, aged 20, and their brother-in-law, Marcello Angelini, aged 23.

● ROME: The Mafia guns are thundering as a kind of prelude, intentional or otherwise, to Buscetta's appearance in court in Rome on October 27. Nine fresh murders have taken place since news of his confession became public (Peter Nichols writes).

The massacre followed the murder at Cinisi, near Palermo, of Leonardo Rimi, one of the leading younger figures in the Mafia.

Rimi belonged however, like Buscetta, to a group which had emerged defeated from the gang warfare of the past few years for control of the drug traffic. His killing was taken as a warning to other highly-placed Mafia personalities in the same condition as Buscetta who might be tempted to follow his example and talk.

The stable massacre looks to be a different kind. The first impressions were that the killings need not necessarily have been part of the internecine murders among rival gangs, but could have been the intervention of a Mafia killer-squad aimed at disciplining the local underworld.

One indication that more violence was in the air came with the theft about 10 days ago from a local gunsmith of two sporting rifles and 120 pistols or revolvers with ammunition.

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Plan to equalize car prices in EEC puts industry at odds with ministers

By Edward Townsend and Clifford Webb

A confrontation between the British car manufacturing industry and the Government is in prospect after a ministerial statement last night approving the latest proposals from the European Commission to harmonize car prices throughout the Community.

Mr Norman Lamont, Minister of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, told industry leaders and dealers at a dinner that high price differentials were bad for the consumer and for the economy. Higher prices in Britain represented a transfer of resources from this country to the Continent which the Government could not be expected to welcome.

After representations from EEC governments, the commission has dropped a requirement that variations in car prices should not exceed 12 per cent from country to country. instead, it is proposed that the 12 per cent level should be a trigger for investigating whether a car maker's agreements with its franchised dealers are in breach of the Treaty of Rome.

Car prices in Britain have been as much as 30 per cent higher than elsewhere in Europe and this has led to rising "personal" car imports. But the industry throughout Europe has said that equalization of prices, which are affected by exchange rates, differing taxes, and cost structures, could lead to huge job losses and a collapse of profitability.

Mr Lamont said: "Persistently high differentials are bound to lead to concerns that the market is being partitioned by the operation of the franchised dealer system. Such partitioning would effectively mean that manufacturers and dealers had agreements which benefited them but not consumers."

Block exemption of the car industry from the Community's anti-competitive rules, while unpopular with the industry, laid down clear rules and would prevent the confusion and uncertainty that would arise with individual investigations of selective distribution agreements.

Mr Lamont added: "The Government is well aware of the great steps forward which the UK car industry has recently made.

"The Government is not about to jeopardize this progress by agreeing to any arrangement which would allow the Commission tro exercise its powers so as to destroy much of the British motor industry. Nor is the Government going to agree to any proposals which would give any advantage to manufacturers outside the Community.

"What we want are arrangements which strike an even-handed balance."

The latest Commission proposals, which also lay down rules governing availability of models, are likely to be in force next year.

Mr Harry Hooper, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said at the dinner that the threat of price controls administered from Brussels was a "most serious danger to the viability of the whole of the European motor industry".

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Abortion deaths '17 times higher in health service'

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Women who have abortions on the National Health Service run a risk of death 17 times higher than women having abortions in the private sector, a consultant gynaecologist said yesterday.

Mr Peter Diggory, consultant gynaecologist at Kingston Hospital in Surrey, said there was no obvious reason for the very large difference in the safety of abortion between the two sectors of medicine. "The medical profession should institute an inquiry to try to determine the cause, with a view to improving health service facilities", he said in a letter to *The Lancet*.

His conclusion that abortion is much more dangerous in the health service than in private clinics and hospitals was questioned, however, by Robert Atlay, honorary secretary of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. "Before such a conclusion could be drawn, very careful comparisons would have to be made between the women who underwent abortions in the two sectors", he said.

"All sorts of factors could be involved – whether the two groups of women smoked equally, whether they came from the same mix of social classes, whether the more difficult cases went to the health service and whether the women's medical histories were comparable.

"It is dangerous to draw firm conclusions from very crude figures, although a warning from someone as distinguished as Mr Diggory clearly needs looking into."

In *The Lancet*, Mr Diggory says that the death rate in the two million abortions performed between 1968 and 1982 conmpared favourably with the safety of other operations performed under general anaesthetic.

But in the 769,000 abortions performed in health service hospitals, 168 women died, while there were only 15 deaths among almost 1.2m abortions in the private sector. That gave a death rate of 21.85 a 100,000 cases in the health service, but of only 1.2 in the private sector. The risk in the health service was, therefore, 17 times higher.

It was unlikely to be due to health service gynaecologists learning abortion techniques in the early years as a gap in death rate remained in the figures for the past five years. A royal college study of the more dangerous late abortions also showed that more were done in the private sector than the health service.

Mr Atlay said, however "There could be a host of explanations for these figures. Many private clinics only take very early and, therefore, safer abortions.

Profitable future forecast for BR

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

British Rail should be in better shape by 1990 despite sever short-term losses from the miners' strike, the board's latest corporate plan says.

It expects to lose more than £100m in revenue in 1984-5 as a result of the strike. Future results are heavily dependent on assumptions on the level of restocking after the strike and the long-term effects of the dispute on the overall market for coal, the plan says.

In a foreword, Mr Bob Reid, chairman of British Rial says: "The freight sector will need to take vigorous action to recover from the disastrous effects of the NUM strike". Forecast results for British Rail freight are for a £36m profit by 1988-9, but "it is very difficult to see the future clearly while the strike is unresolved

The 28-page plan, covering the period to 1990, predicts an increase in investment to £480m in 1985-6, returing to about £430m for the remaining four years.

Of the £2.2 billion to be invested over the period, £673m will be spent on on renewing track and rolling stock, and £527m on passenger trains.

Inter-City: The commercial objective is to earn £34m by 1988-9 when the business will no longer be able to call on government grant, while working to improve punctuality, cleanliness, and train catering. The improvement will come from £42m extra revenue and £45m lower costs.

London and South-east: Grant is planned to drop from £242m to £213m by optimizing the use of existing resources, planned investment, and forecast increases in passenger volume.

Provincial services: With working expenses roughly four times as large as receipts, the fleet will fall from 3,700 to 3,000 vehicles, with maintenance costs improving by a third. Passenger traffic is expected to increase by 7 per cent.

No end in sight to TV dispute

By Kenneth Gosling

Thames Televison programmes, serving 11 million viewers in London and south-east England, were off the air again yesterday after the walk-out on Wednesday evening by technicians and film editors in support of a 30 per cent pay increase for retraining on lightweight video cameras.

Thames had offered 20 per cent – 13 per cent now, the rest after training – but negotiations broke down and no new talks are planned.

London Weekend resumes full independent television service at 5.15 pm tonight after another day of no ITV programmes in the Thames area.

The Thames board met in emergency sessiion yesterday and programmes may start again using management staff on Monday.

The dispute concerns film editors who earn between £13,000–£19,800 a year. They work at the company's headquarters in Euston, London.

Pitmen in court on coal theft charges

From Peter Davenport, Barnsley

The final act of the unwelcome little drama that put the South Yorkshire mining village of Grimethorpe into the headlines was played out in the subdued calm of a courtroom yesterday.

Nineteen men arrested in police raids on coal stockyards at the local colliery, which triggered off two days of street violence, trooped into Barnsley magistrates' court.

The youngest of them was aged 17 and the eldest 61. Most were striking or retired miners, surface workers, colliery electricians or unemployed. And most of them had no previous convictions.

As the first stepped before the two male magistrates, 12 miles away in Sheffield the leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers were meeting to discuss their next move in the dispute.

But beneath the fluorescent light of No.3 court, the demoralizing effect of the strike on ordinary men was evident in the reasons they gave for stealing coal.

All except one of the men were accused of theft; the nineteenth was charged with carrying buckets, spades and a pick with intent to steal from the coal heap at the Park Spring stocking ground at Grimethorpe colliery.

Between them the amount of coal stolen amounted to just £100.50. Some were accused of stealing as little as £1.50 worth and the maximum value was £18.

Sixteen of the men opted to have their cases dealt with by magistrates yesterday without legal representation, and all pleaded guilty. One youth, aged 17, was given a conditional discharge. The others were all find between £15 and £35. The fines totalled £375. Three other cases were adjourned to November 15.

A miner was asked by the court clerk why he had taken the coal. "I was desperate", he said. "I have an illness that means if I don't keep warm in winter it is possible I might have to lose some limbs

Another said: "I have been on strike for 32 weeks and there is no money to buy coal. I can't see my wife and kids freezing."

Those who appeared in court were:

Edward McGowan, 22, South Elmsall, pleaded guilty to stealing coal valued at £18, fined £25; David Severn, 17, Grimethorpe, guilty to stealing £6 worth of coal, conditionally discharged; William Severn, 50, Grimthorpe, guilty to stealing coal valued at £1.50, fined £25; David Roberts, 17, Grimethorpe, guilty to going equipped for theft, fined £15; David Rix, 39, Grimethorpe, guilty to stealing coal valued at £1.50, fined £25; William McGowan, 44, South Elmthorpe, guilty to stealing coal valued at £18, fined £25; John Blower, 54, Grimethorpe, guilty to stealing coal valued at £3, fined £25; Robert Arnott, 48, Grimethorpe, guilty to stealing coal valued at £3, fined £25; David Jones, 26, Grimethorpe, guilty to stealing coal valued at £3, fined £35; David Brown, 18, Grimethorpe, guilty of stealing coal valued at £6, fined £25; Geoffrey Edwards, 26, Brierley, guilty to stealing coal valued at £9, fined £25; John Crompton, 37, Grimethorpe, guilty to stealing coal valued at £1.50, fined £35; Anthony Swift, 23, Grimethorpe, guilty to stealing coal valued at £6, fined £25; Gary Lowe, 29, Cudworth, guilty to stealing coal valued £3, fined £25; Geoffrey Pearce, 23, Cudworth, guilty to stealing coal valued at £3, fined £25; Garth Cooper, 36, Grimethorpe, guilty to stealing coal valued at £3, fined £25.

Cases against Clifford Derbyshire, 61, Cudworth, and Melvyn Crossland, 26, Cudworth, both accused of stealing coal valued at £6, and against Patrick Kennedy, 24, Grimethorpe, accused of stealing coal valued at £3, were all adjourned until November 15. the three were released on bail.

Small ports facing coal congestion

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Any attempt to increase sharply the rate of coal imports would face twin problems of picketing and capacity.

At the big ports that could handle large quantities of coal, such as Hunterston, Port Talbot, Immingham, Redcar, industrial action would prevent any attempt to increase imports beyond those required by British Steel

In the scores of small ports all around the coast, lack of physical capacity would prevent any substantial increase above that of recent months. They are generally limited by depth of water to ships of about 2,500 tons, compared with 300,000 at Hunterston, and their grab-cranes, as small as half-a-ton, take perhaps two days to discharge even the smallest ships.

These ports have already seen a marked increase in traffic in recent months, resulting in some cases in environmental problems, with queues of coal

Some Conservative MPs yesterday demanded the immediate resignation of Mr George Moores, chairman of the South Yorkshire police committee, who on Wednesday accused the police of behaving like "Nazi stormtroopers". The Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, Mr Peter Wright, said that the comparison was "ludicrous and insulting".

But generally there have been no labour problems. The small teams of local workers are not part of the Dock Labour Scheme and are perhaps not very union-minded anyway, and the miners' and dockers' unions have not seen preventing dribbles of coal destined for household use as a priority.

Most of ths smokeless fuel and housecoal comes from Germany, Poland, the United States, South Africa, China, the Soviet Union, Vietnam, Morocco, and France.

Coal and coke imports 1983

	Foreign	Domestic
	Thousands of tons	
Colchester	105	
London	818	3811
Medway	248	2025
Dover	19	
Newhaven	3	
Shoreham	41	375
Portsmouth	17	
Southampton	22	
Poole	6	
Plymouth		23
Bristol	48	
Cardiff	2	
Liverpool	49	
Garston	1	
Manchester	11	
Clyde	931	
Peterhead	10	
Aberdeen		2
Forth	59	
Sunderland	18	
Tees and Hartlepool	1441	2
Goole	8	
Hull and Humber	8	
River Trent	260	
Boston	21	
Great Yarmouth	7	
Ipswich		66

Table excludes many smaller riverside berths and coal carried by sea in lorry and container loads.

Cheaper calls from US

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

American telephone subscribers will soon be able to make cheap calls to Britain because of new cheap tariffs agreed between British Telecom and two US telephone companies.

The extra calls could generate millions of pounds for British Telecom, which is to be privatized next month. It has reached an agreement with MCI International and GTE Sprint and will still use the telecommunications company, AT&T.

These three networks, which will send telephone signals to Britain via satellite and cable, will compete for business on the transatlantic route.

The British caller dialling the US will experience no reduction in charges, although at certain times connexions may be quicker because of the extra routes.

International traffic generates about 60 per cent of British Telecom's revenue, and the transatlantic route is the busiest in the world.

Only Mercury, a subsidaary of Cable & Wireless, has been licensed to offer telephone services internationally and domestically in competition with British Telecom.

Rescue salvage warning

Yachtsmen who call on the Royal Navy to rescue their craft could face heavy salvage claims, the Royal Yachting Association said yesterday. It advised owners to establish before accepting help whether they were likely to face a claim.

The warning came after the case last month of a Shrewsbury surgeon whose yacht ran out of fuel and began drifting in thick fog towards rocks off Alderney in the Channel Islands.

Labour chief whip reelected

Mr Michael Cocks, MP for Bristol South, was reelected yesterday as Labour's chief whip, beating off the customary leftwing challenge from Mr Martin Flannery by 120 votes to 44.

Last year Mr Cocks was challenged for the post by four rivals and only won after a series of ballots. He faces difficulty over reselection in his constituency and is unlikely to face a serious challenge from the centre-left for the job until his constituency party settles his future one way or another.

Ruling delayed

Judgment was reserved yesterday in the Court of Appeal on Kent County Council's attempt to overturn an industrial tribunal ruling that it unfairly dismissed 19 school meals staff after enforced spending cuts.

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CHARLES MOORE
on Brighton
"The personal courage of climbing out of the rubble and saying "we can take it" gets translated into a political stupidity which repeats untrue statements in a loud voice."

JO GRIMOND
on Eric Linklater
"Then, consider his house in Orkney. I know its profile all too well. I spent some very happy months in the Linklater cottage behind it. I had just been elected to Parliament for Orkney and Shetland, the summit of my ambition. In the kitchen lurked a "Cook and Heat" range which taught me to be patient with the Liberal Party, whose conduct its performance much resembled. It was exceedingly dour: then, when all life seemed to have expired, it would burst into flame."

SUSAN CROSLAND
on Jerusalem
"OK. So above all we must not offend the Arabs. Nonetheless, 17 years have passed since Jerusalem was divided between Arab and Jew. I, for one, would be grateful if foreign powers would now accept Israel's conviction that the holy city is its capital."

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The Brighton bomb

Public debate on inquiry findings

From Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter, Chichester

Conclusions and recommendations of the police inquiry into security before the Brighton hotel bombing will be debated in public by the Sussex police authority, Mr John Chatfield, its chairman, said yesterday.

Speaking at a meeting of the authority in Chichester, at which a two-page report from Mr Roger Birch, the Chief Constable of Sussex, was presented, Mr Chatfield said that the authority should be seen to be going about its responsibilities "in a proper way."

Mr Birch outlined events last week and the measures that he has since taken. These include an investigation by Mr John Hoddinott, Deputy Chief Constable of Hampshire, into any security gaps.

Mr Birch told the authority that the report of the investigation was likely to contain classified information and could not be published.

In a 20-minute discussion of the bombing, during which Mr Chatfield voiced the authority's support for the police, Mr Birch said that Mr Hoddinott was interviewing members of the Special Branch at Scotland Yard as part of his inquiry.

These officers provide the personal protection for Cabinet ministers and it was the Yard's Special Branch which issued the general terrorist alert to all police forces 24 hours before the bombing.

Mr Birch told the authority that his Special Branch officers exchanged information with their London counterparts and with bodyguards accompanying visiting VIPs. The inquiry would examine the state of that cooperation last week.

Staff's future

In Brighton, staff from the Grand Hotel, where the bomb exploded, met to hear details of their future, and Mr Paul Boswell, the manager, read out a letter from the Prime Minister in which she expressed her "profound gratitude for the heroic dedication to duty and service", shown by the staff after the explosion.

The 100 members of the permanent staff were told that all would be paid "for the time being" but only a skeleton staff would be maintained for the next 18 months until the hotel reopened.

Mr Boswell, who was due to retire in the next few weeks, said that some heads of departments would move to other hotels owned by the same brewery. There had also been many offers of jobs.

'Myth of impregnability exploded by IRA bomb'

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Provisional IRA claimed yesterday that the Brighton bombing demonstrated that "the myth that the British Government is impregnable has been blown and that alone increases our daring and confidence".

That statement appeared in *Republican News* in an interview with a spokesman authorized by the "GHQ" of the Provisionals.

The spokesman threatened further terrorist attacks on the mainland against those "responsible for the oppression of our people".

Another Provisional IRA victim died yesterday, five months after a bomb exploded after an angling contest in Enniskillen, co Fermanagh. Launce Corporal Peter Gallimore, aged 27, who was married with no children, died in hospital at Woolwich.

● Royal Sussex County Hospital said last night that Mrs Frances Day, one of the Brighton bomb victims, is to be allowed home on Sunday.

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was described as cheerful. The condition of his wife, Marjaret, who is paralized, is unchanged.

● One victim, Mrs Roberta Wakeham, wife of the Government Chief Whip, Mr John Wakeham, was buried yesterday in her home village of Alresford, near Winchester, Hampshire. Mr Wakeham, aged 52, suffered serious leg injuries.

● Sir Ian Percival, the former Solicitor General, Mr Edward du Cann, chairman of the backbench 1922 Committee, and Mr Geoffrey Rippon, a former Cabinet minister, will be the leading signatories on a Commons motion to be tabled on Monday calling for the introduction of the death penalty for terrorist murders (Our Political Reporter writes).

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Fresh legal moves to make NUM leaders pay fines

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Working miners may bring fresh legal actions against members of the National Union of Mineworkers' executive to ensure they personally have to pay the £200,000 fine imposed on the union last week for contempt of court.

Mr David Negus, a solicitor acting for the National Working Miners' Committee, said: "They are contemplating some form of action to ensure that the guilty men actually pay that £200,000 and not the union's own funds."

The union's officers, he added, could be held personally liable to their members for depletion of the union's funds as a result of their actions.

A second action was being considered over the issue of alleged misuse of union funds; the question of "whether or not the union should have spent money on the strike which has now been ruled not to be official".

If money should not have been so spent, the question was what restraints could be placed on members of the executive to stop them spending any more money.

If the union does not pay its fine by October 25, solicitors for the two Yorkshire miners who brought the contempt proceedings will return to court for the matter of sequestration of the union's assets.

If the court gives leave for writs of sequestration to be issued, accountants appointed as commissioners by the court could be ordered to freeze all or part of the union's assets until the fine is paid and the contempt purged.

Among other pending legal actions is one over loss of wages as a result of the strike.

First lady of space: Valentina Tereshkova, Russia's first woman astronaut, on the flight deck of Concorde yesterday at the British Airways training school at Cranebank, near Heathrow (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Sale room

Stendhal first edition makes £33,191

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The sale of nineteenth and twentieth-century books from the library of Jacques Dennery secured extraordinary prices in Paris on Wednesday. The first edition of Stendhal's *La Chartreuse de Parme* of 1829, two volumes in a contemporary binding, sold for 390,000 francs (£33,191) to a French dealer.

The Bibliotheque Nationale preempted the purchase of a little notebook kept by Victor Hugo while he was in exile in Guernsey in 1857 at 236,000 francs (£20,085). It contains 17 rapid drawings in pencil or ink and 50 pages of notes, verses and musings.

Other outstanding prices included the 250,000 francs (£21,276) paid for a letter from Baudelaire to Madame Aglae Sabatier, a lady who inspired his rapturous and poetic adoration for five years until she gave herself to him and thereby killed the romance.

One of the 15 special copies of Camus' *La Peste* of 1947, printed on Japan paper, in a rich binding by Paul Bonet, made 215,000 francs (£18,230) and a letter from Flaubert to Baudelaire of 1867 made 216,000 francs (£18,383).

In another Paris sale, an ink drawing by Jean-Baptiste Greuze, the eighteenth-century French master, depicting "Le depart du conscrit" sold for 310,000 francs (£26,383), one of the highest prices on record for the artist.

In London yesterday, Bloomsbury Book Auctions held an unusual sale offering special opportunities to collectors of glass and ceramics. On offer was the working library of Mr A. J. B. Kiddell, the former director of Sotheby's. Mr Kiddell amassed a now famous and frequently exhibited collection of fakes in the fields of glass and ceramics.

An American collector paid £2,090 (estimate £200 to £300) for Mr Kiddell's research papers on Wrotham pottery, two ring binders, three box files, two boxes of slides, and a folder.

Thugs flee after sisters resist attack

Detectives yesterday praised three elderly sisters who resisted a gang of youths armed with a wooden club at their cottage at Bullingdon Green, near Oxford.

The youths cut off the power supply to the house, and broke through the bolted front door, threatening to shoot and bomb the sisters. One was snatched by the throat as she tried to get help, and another was hit with a torch and punched.

The youths fled with £5 cash and a piece of jewelry when relatives arrived.

Miss Daisy Moore, aged 71, Miss Nelly Moore, aged 77, and their sister, Mrs Betty Hamilton, who was visiting from the United States, were treated in hospital for shock and minor injuries after the attack on Wednesday

Yesterday detectives said: "Their bravery is an example to the rest of the country."

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Anger among big airlines as Government refuses to allow their cheap fares

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

The Department of Transport caused consternation among the big Atlantic airlines yesterday by refusing their new cheap fares from November 1.

The decision means that the cheapest round-trip fare from London to New York by a big airline will be £299 instead of the £259 proposed by British Airways, Pan American, and TWA for the five winter months.

The move does not affect the two low-cost carriers, Britain's Virgin Atlantic and America's People Express, whose one-way fares, £129 and £122 respectively, are already approved on a year-round basis.

It marks an important victory over British Airways by Virgin's president, Mr Richard Branson, aged 33, the pop music millionaire, who had been threatening a repeat of the Laker action against British Airways in the American courts if the low fares went ahead.

The Department of Transport had sought assurances from the United States Government that there could be no anti-trust action for "predatory" pricing but those were not forthcoming and the British Government had therefore decided "reluctantly" to refuse the fares for the time being.

Mr Branson said yesterday that he was delighted with the decision but would reserve his position regarding legal action until he knew it was permanent.

British Airways, in a barbed comment, replied that it was "very bad news for the consumer that because another airline does not like competition a major carrier can be stopped from taking normal decisions on price".

The low fares would have covered costs and made a contribution, British Airways said, and it hoped the Government would still get assurances from the United States, allowing the low fares to go ahead after all.

People Express refused to welcome the decisions, although, like Virgin, it will clearly benefit from it.

Mr Michael Spicer, Under-secretary of State for Transport said after the decision: "I am naturally very disappointed that the lack of response by the United States Government to date deprives travellers of the benefits of these lower fares. I hope, however, that the necessary reassurance will be forthcoming shortly at which time airlines will be free to refile their proposals."

Intasun raises prices by 15%

By Robin Young

Intasun, the second largest package tour operator, has raised its summer holiday prices by an average of 15 per cent. Visitors next year to Spain, the most popular destination, will be worst affected, with prices up on average by almost a fifth.

Launching Intasun's summer brochure yesterday, the managing director, Mr Roger Heape, announced that the company is offering 20,000 free child places, and has deals with some hotels for reduced prices for children sharing parents' rooms.

It has doubled the number of coach holidays on offer. A couple with one child could save up to £210

Intasun's brochure also contains more accommodation in one and two-star hotels, self-catering apartments, and tavernas. Its budget "plain and simple" programme of inexpensive holidays in Greece has been doubled over last year, with two weeks' holidays starting at £128.

Currency movements have helped to keep Greek holidays down in price, the average increase being 6 per cent, and the company has increased by half the number of its holidays there.

Intasun has also reintroduced holidays in Yugoslavia, which, Mr Heape said represented exceptional value.

Holidays in Tunisia, and a few in Malta, are cheaper than last year.

Even so, Intasun expects more families will have to shorten foreign holidays next year.

Mr Heape said that the company did not feel able to pledge this year that there would be no surcharges.

Intasun is offering 800,000 holidays and expects to break the record numbers and load factors claimed for this year.

Rise in holiday prices

	Average % rise						
	Horizon	Thomson	T.Cook	Wings	Rank Ost	Ellerman	Intasun
Spain	23	20-23	17	21	10-	13-14	19
Greece	14	12-13	8	5	2-3	-6*	6
Portugal	9-10	10	5	3	4	5	5
Yugoslavia	11	10	4	--	--	--	--
Malta	6	8	--	1	6	--	5

* limited programme. -- not applicable.

Source: Horizon, Thomson, T.Cook, Rank, Intasun.



Only when I laugh: The Prince of Wales joking with students during his visit to the British School of Osteopathy in London yesterday.

Handshakes bad for injured prince

The Prince of Wales has been advised not to shake hands because of an injury sustained while fishing. The diagnosis came as the Prince toured the British School of Osteopathy in London yesterday.

As he visited the expectant mothers' clinic in Britin's oldest and largest training establishment for alternative medicine he said he had a pain in his wrist.

Mr Stephen Sandler, head of the department, said later: "The Prince came to us with a temporary problem with his hand and we confirmed his diagnosis. It is a tendon problem which I understand he got from fishing. Our advice to him was that he should rest his wrist and not shake hands."

During his tour he said he was finding having two children "hard work".

Smokers 'overgrown teenagers, not addicts'

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

Cigarette smokers are people who have never grown out of a teenage habit, rather than addicts hooked on nicotine, according to a study carried out for the Department of Health and Social Security.

The findings suggest that more effort to persuade people of the advantages of giving up smoking will succed, and that the marked decline in the number of smokers, down by fifth in a decade, will continue.

The study of 2,700 smokers, carried out by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, argues that the old theory that smoking is addictive no longer stands up.

Many former smokers may relapse and start smoking again. But one in five has successfully given up in the past decade, and the power of nicotine to produce dependence "cannot have mysteriously lessened", Dr Alan Marsh, the social psychologist who carried out the survey, says in *Population Trends*.

Instead, he argues, most smokers start in their teens, using cigarettes to control teenage gaucheness sa their moods swing from depression to euphoria. Those who do not start smoking grow up, and learn to control their moods.

But the smokers come to believe that they need cigarettes to cope. Smoking is thus a "learnt" dependence, rather than an addiction. Analysis of smokers' attitudes in the survey suggests, however, that it is a dependence that can equally well be "unlearnt".

Deciding to give up smoking or carry on, the survey shows, is a rational choice that smokers periodically review.

That means that anything which changes smokers' attitudes – believing that giving up will improve their health, leave them better off, or offend fewer people, for example – is likely to lead to more smokers trying to give up.

First NHS test-tube baby is a 7½lb boy

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Britain's first test-tube baby under a programme wholly funded by the National Health Service has been born, and the treatment cost his parents only a £1.60 prescription.

Richard Loxam was born on Wednesday night, weighing 7½lb, at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester.

Treatment in a private in-vitro fertilization clinic might have cost his parents, Lorraine and Steven Loxam, £2,000 or more. It was their ninth wedding anniversary yesterday

"We were told three years ago we could not have children", Mr Loxam said. "Lorraine, who is 29, was shattered, and I had to have two weeks off work with her to get over it."

Richard was born 13 months after the start of an experimental health service programme at St Mary's. Other test-tube babies have been born within the health service, but have been conceived as a result of research programmes or work in teaching hospitals.

A spokesman for the North West Regional Health Authority said. "We are delighted. It shows what health service staff can do with limited resources. It is important for the hospital but much more important for women throughout the north-west region."

Mr Loxam, a plastics chemist, of Offerton, Stockport, said "There is no way we could have afforded to try for a test tube baby without this unit."

Mrs Loxam's prescription was for clomiphen-citrate tablets, which stimulate ovulation

Another 619 couples are on the waiting list for consideration for the treatment at the hospital. A total of 238 couples have been accepted for treatment, including four women who are pregnant.

The head of the medical team, Dr Brian Leiberman said. "We are receiving requests from women all over the country."

MP tells of gay club arrest

Dr Keith Hampson, the Conservative MP, denied being a homosexual when he appeared in court yesterday charged with indecently assaulting a plain-clothes policeman in a Soho gay club.

The MP for Leeds North-West, who resigned as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, after his arrest in May, challenged an allegation that he touched the officer's private parts and claimed that he entered the club without realizing it was for homosexuals.

It was in the dimly lit Gay Theatre Club in Berwick Street that two officers from Scotland Yard's clubs squad, including a woman, arrested Dr Hampson, aged 41, during a routine check.

Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, told Southwark Crown Court that Police Constable Stuart Marshall was joined by the MP while standing at the back of the tiny basement club where a naked man was "prancing" on stage to music from a cassette player.

"The allegation is that Dr Hampson took the buttock of the officer in one hand and stroked him with the other", Mr Amlot said. "The officer did nothing to incite the action."

Dr Hampson, who pleaded not guilty to the charge of indecently assaulting PC Marshall, arrived in court with his wife Sue Cameron, a journalist with *The Financial Times* who is expecting a baby.

Dr Hampson said he had been working hard on a speech for Mr Heseltine and early that evening drank five pints of beer with friends at the Marquis of Granby pub in Smith Square.

After returning to work further on the speech at the Ministry of Defence he then visited another public house where he had one drink.

He told Mr John Mathew, counsel for the defence, that because his wife was not due home from an office party until 11pm he then drove into Soho and found that the nearest parking space was outside the club which he entered with a sense of devilment and without knowing its nature.

He stayed because he was fascinated by the appearance of WPc June Maudling whom, he said, was dressed in a rubberized trench coat" and he thought might have been a man in drag.



Dr Hampson arriving at Southwark Crown Court yesterday with his wife Sue Cameron.

"I was quite fascinated by this woman coming into that place. I turned round a couple of times to stare at her to make up my mind who it was."

Dr Hampson said he went upstairs to the lavatory and when he returned, he said, "I went to the back and was standing to the right of the police constable, PC Stuart Marshall. The WPC was on the opposite side of him and almost immediately I bent round and stared at her again because I was much closer now.

"I was only there a matter of moments before I was arrested. I never denied that my hand brushed against him, but it happened as I bent forward to look at the lady".

"My recollection is that inadvertently my left hand touched the man's thigh. After that everything came in such rapid succession. It was a shattering thing. He grabbed me and said I am a police officer.

"I said 'my God, I don't believe it'. But he told me to come upstairs with him." Dr Hampson said he had no recollection of moving his hand up and down PC Marshall's groin. "I am not aware of doing that at all", he said.

Dr Hampson called character witnesses to give evidence on his behalf and a letter from Lord Tonypandy, former Speaker of the Commons, was read to to the court, Lord Tonypandy said: "Dr Hampson is a man whom I hold in utmost respect." He praised the MPs "exceptional ability and integrity and reliability".

Lord Tonypandy said the allegation against Dr Hampson was "so totally out of character that I just cannot understand what happened".

Dr Hampson's wife said that during their seven-year relationship he had never exhibited any homosexual tendencies and had no homosexual friends.

Mr Mathew asked her: "Can you possibly ascertain in your mind the thought that he could make an indecent suggestion by word or action to any male person". She replied: "No".

He asked: "Do you find it understandable that out of curiosity he would want to have a look at this place that night under the circumstances?" She replied: "Yes. I think it is perfectly reasonable that he might think 'I wonder what it is like' ".

The case was adjourned by Judge Butler until today.

Waitress wins bust battle with Berni Inns

Siobhan Spoors, a waitress who was dismissed by Berni Inns because her 40in bust was too big, was given £1,000 compensation by the company yesterday.

The restaurant chain also agreed to end maximum size limits for men and women and paid £500 to the Equal Opportunities Commision which took the case to an industrial tribunal.

Mr David Pannick, for Miss Spoors, made clear to the hearing, in Chelsea, south-west London, that in reaching the settlement, Berni Inns had made no admission of liability.

Intruder theory after tigers escape at zoo

Five tigers were let loose deliberately from a zoo in Kent owned by Mr John Aspinall, the millionaire head of a casino group, yesterday.

Keepers managed to round up four of the beasts, but the fifth ran half a mile to a village near by and was shot dead in a back garden.

Detectives visited Howletts Zoo near Canterbury in an effort to find the person who released the tigers just before dawn.

The zoo said the locks on the main gate of an Indian tiger enclosure had been either picked or forced by an intruder.

The two-year-old animal escaped about 9am. No one was hurt while it was free.

Police Constable Nigel Chandler raised the alarm when he saw the tiger coming towards him down Bekesbourne Lane in the village of Littlebourne where he was on car patrol.

In July last year Mr Aspimall and his company were cleared of blame for the deaths of two keepers, mauled by a Siberian tigress, Zeya.

● Two lions that escaped from Chipperfields Circus in Wexford in the Irish Republic were recaptured yesterday after four hours free.

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Gallery buys Van Dyck portrait of Charles II as a child for £1,965

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

The National Portrait Gallery has acquired a Van Dyck portrait of King Charles II as a child, worth at least £250,000, for the princely sum of £1,965.60. Moreover, it bought it in open auction at Christie's where nobody else had noticed what it was.



Part of Van Dyck's, "Charles II as a child",

It is inscribed with the name of the sitter in the bottom right-hand corner in white paint and it was the style of the inscription that alerted Malcolm Rogers, deputy keeper of the gallery.

"Baron Wharton, one of Van Dyck's major patrons, put identical inscriptions on all his 30 or so Van Dycks years after they were painted", he said. "Probably only a couple of other people in the world would have recognized a Wharton inscription.

"I met Sir Oliver Millar, keeper of the Queen's pictures – who'd be one of them – in Christie's when the picture was on view. He'd come in to look at a sale of miniatures; luckily for us he didn't see the painting."

Sir Olivier said yesterday that it was an important picture and welcomed the discovery. He pointed out that the image of his little son in armour, standing proudly beside a plumed helmet, must have been chosen by Charles I as how he would like the prince to be known. Very many copies of it were made as official gifts for ambassadors or other notables. are attributed to Van Dyck, one of which belonged to the Earl of Newcastle, the prince's tutor, one which is still in the royal collection, and the Portrait Gallery's discovry. The two latter paintings are both bold and simplified and were probably intended for hanging high on a wall or over a door. The background was probably filled in by studio assistants.

The painting came up for sale at Christie's on December 15, 1983, and was catalogued as a copy after Van Dyck. At that time the painting was dirty, with a *small tear*. *Christie's* would not say yesterday who had sent it for sale. "We did forward a letter from the Portrait Gallery to the owners," aid Simon Dickinson, a director of Christie's "but apparently they want to the anonymous." It has now been cleaned and restored and goes on view today.

The prince, aged eight, was installed as a knight of the Garter in 1638 and he wears the jewel of the order round his neck in the newly discovered picture, although he is without it in the other versions. Thus the portrait probably dates from around that year.

Lord Shinwell replying to Lord Whitelaw's speech (Photographs: John Manning).

Peers toast Manny Shinwell's centenary

By Alan Hamilton

The secret of Lord Shinwell's longevity appears to be Scotch whisky laced with a dash of cantankerousness. While several hundred of his fellow peers toasted his centenary in the House of Lords yesterday, the oldest active peer in history sipped the golden juice of Kilmarnock and complained that he had not had a telegram from the Queen.

The sovereign's congratulations had in fact been dispatched, but as his son, Samuel, aged 78, explained, you could not move in Manny's house yesterday morning for letters, cards, bottles of whisky and other tokens of esteem on his 100th birthday.

Lord Shinwell, in grey suit with a sensible woolly cardigan peeping from behind the lapels in recognition of the sharp autumn day, received a multitude of handshakes and kisses as he walked the length of the crowded Royal Gallery in the Lords.

He mounted the platform without difficulty, aided only by a splendid ivory-inlaid Maori walking stick and the entirely unnecessary arm of Lord Whitelaw, Leader of the House.

It was Manny's own wish that his birthday presents should not be a personal gift. He chose instead a slate plaque, engraved by the Welsh sculptor, Jonah Jones, which records his first century and will hang permanently in the Lords library.

Lord Whitelaw, who was born shortly before Lord Shinwell first served as a government minister, recalled that Manny was not the first member of the Upper Chamber to reach his century, but certainly the first active member to do so. Gazing from the walls were the portraits of sovereigns whose reigns his lifetime has encompassed: Edward VII, George V, George VI and Elizabeth II.

He cannot quite recall the tableaux on the Royal Gallery walls of Wellington and Blücher, and the death of Nelson, but when he was born in 1884, Gladstone was still Prime Minister and Victoria still had 17 years to reign.

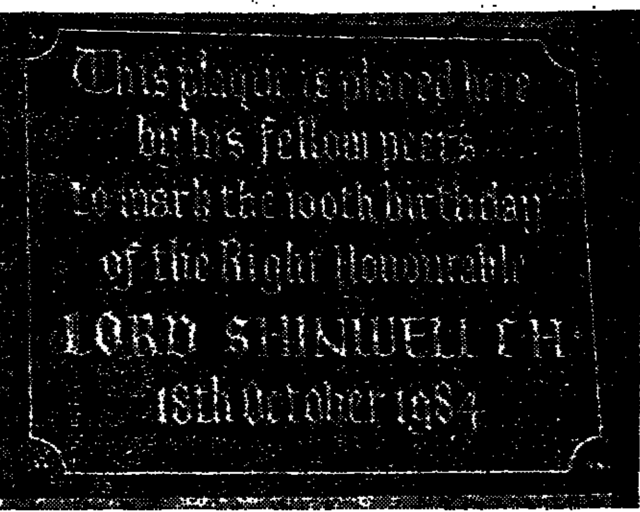
Lord Shinwell, steady in eye and speech, said in reply that he had such an overwhelming number of cards, and an embarrassment of gifts, that he would have to consider moving to a bigger house.

He thanked the medical profession for making it possible for him to be there at all, and slipped in the patently political aside that he had been excellently cared for in National Health Service hospitals.

"I was told recently by my doctor that it is possible for me to go for another 10 years. Imagine having to suffer me for another 10 years. When I am asked if I am well, my answer is a simple one: I just manage to survive".

Thanking his fellow members of the House for their full attendance, Lord Shinwell graciously remarked: "It would be a great pleasure for me to welcome many of my fellow peers here on their 100th birthdays".

He accepted yet another bottle of Islay malt from a generous peer, and grumbled with a twinkle that *she* must have forgotten all about what day it was. His sons, Samuel, and Ernest, aged 67, and his sister, Julie, aged 78, had a quick family conference. Someone was sent to find the telegram.



Birthday plaque in the Lords library.

Britain may get new Japanese car plant

By Clifford Webb Motoring Correspondent

A second Japanese motor manufacturer is considering establishing a car plant in Britain, it was disclosed at the British Motor Show in Birmingham yesterday.

Mr Hideo Kamio, vice-president of Toyoto Motor Corporation, said the final choice between a site in this country or on the Continent would depend on the success of the plant which its rival Nissan plans to open near Sunderland in 1986.

He said studies suggested that a plant producing 120,000 cars a year would be the most economical, provided it concentrated on a single model.

Toyota sells 35,000 c[illegible] year in Britain out of [illegible] throughout Europe.

Mr Kamio said no targ[illegible] had been set for the opening of the projected European plant. Much would depend on any moves by EEC governments to alter the present quota arrangements governing Japanese car imports.

Nissan's British plant will initially employ 500 people assembling 20,000 cars a year from components made in Japan. But within five to ten years could be producing 200,000 cars a year, using mostly British parts.

Another motor show visitor, Mr James McDonald, president of General Motors America, said that the 10-day-old strike in the factories of his Vauxhall subsidiary could effect his company's attitude to future investment.

Vauxhall's recovery from only 8 per cent of the car market in 1981 to more than 16 per cent today had persuaded General Motors to double its investment during the past three years ot £130m, with a further £120m on the way.

Mr John Flemming, chief executive of Vauxhall, said the strike was costing the company £1m a week at a time when it was heading for its first real profit for nearly 12 years. If the strike ended quickly it could still recover some of the losses.

Racialist rent policy exposed

By David Cross

Council staff in Northampton have secretly operated a "whites only" system for local landlords who object to coloured tenants.

The staff of the town's housing advice centre put a small discreet mark in their files against the names of landlords who told them that they would not let their property to blacks or Asians. The system operated for several years until the prejudice was exposed by a council employee, Miss Angela O'Farrell, who refused to be a party to the scheme.

Miss O'Farrell, who has since left the council, wrote a letter to Mr Alan Parkhouse, chief executive of the council,

Mr Parkhouse intervened and the marked cards were destroyed. The centre has since refused to accept offers of accommodation from landlords who discriminate racially against prospective tennants.

A spokesman for Northampton council said yesterday that the discriminator scheme had been operated informally without the knowledge of other council officials or councillors.

Re-Chem disposal of chemical defended

From Tim Jones, Pontypool

Re-Chem International yesterday defended its incineration of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) at its South Wales plant and said it had been the victim of highly exaggerated, distorted, and innacurate reports.

For months the company has been under attack from local politicians, farmers and environmental groups claiming that the airborne fumes from the process kill animals and cause cancer in humans.

Dr Arthur Coleman, managing director of Re-Chem, whose Scottish plant at Bonnybridge closes today, said that not one of the "serious and unfounded allegations" made against the company had been proved. He said that if the plant, which destroys about 800 tons of PCB a year was to close, it would be a disaster for industry. Although PCB disposal accounts for only 2 per cent of the plant's operations, Dr Coleman said that if that had to stop, it would have a serious effect on the company's profitability.

He added that if the Government became sufficiently concerned to hold a public inquiry, the company would cooperate willingly so that its name could be cleared.

To reassure the public, the company had instigated comprehensive monitoring of the atmosphere, the ground, and livestock around its plants. It had commissioned leading institutions to carry out the work and every independent test showed unequivocally that no pollution of any kind was being caused by the activities of his company.

Dr Coleman added: "By attempting to curtail the highly controlled and professional operation of Re-Chem, serious pollution and risk to health would undoubtedly occur, with the effect of achieving those results which everyone is currently concerned to avoid".

To support his claims, Dr Coleman produced 13 statements from government ministries stating the plant was not responsible for any of the calamities attributed to it. "It is difficult to know what more we can do. I am satisfied that the proces is totally safe."

Because of the closure of Bonnybridge, Re-Chem will now process PCB only from British industry.

Businessmen prefer cars

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

British businessmen prefer to travel on business by car, according to a survey by the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Their next choice is rail, with air the least favoured.

Nearly a third of 500 businessmen questioned preferred the car, especially where a series of calls had to be made. Nearly a fifth favoured rail and a tenth air.

Domestic air travel is criticized not so much for its service in flight, as for delays at airports.

Baggage handling was said to be poor, and there was criticism of the waste of time spent on checking in.

Rail travel was criticized for lack of reliability, absence of restaurant cars on long journeys, and dirt.

British Rail has a big opportunity with fast trains of the future however: three businessmen would choose them for every one choosing air.

GLC attacks police Bill with reggae

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

The Greater London Council issued a record yesterday predicting "pure war" in the streets if the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill was passed without amendments. The 12inch single, *Kill the Police Bill*, has a reggae music background overlaid with a long lyric.

The words, quoted on the sleeve and prepared by the council, included: "You hear 'bout de Police Bill/If you no strong you bound to get kill/Dem kill you in de name of legality...

"It is attacking the Police Bill", Mr Paul Boateng, chairman of the police committee, said yesterday. "There is no question here of any attack on the police."

The record was issued to coincide with the Third Reading of the Bill in the Lords. Mr Boateng said that it was disgraceful of the Government to oppose an amendment by Lord Scarman aimed at improving suspect's safeguards.

The council has spent £6,363 from its police budget on issuing the record which will be sold for £2.50

● The Labour-dominated Association of Metropolitan Authorities yesterday demanded a review of the main government consultation machinery with all associations of councils. But it fell short of voting to boycott the Consultative Council on Local Government Finance.

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Platformer 3 at Shell's Stanlow refinery is capable of producing high grade components for petrol in a state-of-the-art refinery unit put onstream ahead of time and under budget. Virtually no time was lost through labour disputes during the 20 months it took to complete the plant.

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Orator who can hold House spellbound

LORD SHINWELL

Lord Shinwell was the first member of either House to have sat in Parliament on his one hundredth birthday, Viscount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council, told the Lords when they assembled to pay tribute to the veteran Labour politician. Only two other peers had lived to be 100 and neither of them ever took their seat in the House.

When Lord Shinwell arrived in the Lords in 1970 at the age of 85, he said he began a second career as a politician. He had become known as an orator who, speaking without any notes, could still hold the House spellbound. The warmth of the affection in which he was held in all parts of the House was clearly shown by the number of peers present to pay tribute to him.

It was particularly fortunate that Lord Shinwell's birthday fell on a day when the House was sitting so that he had been able to mark the occasion by taking his usual seat. It was fitting that this week the House was sitting for the first time under its newly restored ceiling.

The dramatic fall of the boss above Lord Shinwell's seat had demonstrated the urgent need for the ceiling to be restored. I am delighted (he went on) that he is in his place today, but not nearly as delighted as I am that he was not in his place then. I hope he will be able to continue to sit in greater safety under the new ceiling and that we shall continue to hear his inimitable contributions to our debates.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Opposition, said Lord Shinwell had been engaged in the give and take of political life from his earliest days. He was still capable of making a perceptive contribution and, if he felt like it, delivering a shrewd blow.

His long life spanned the most fascinating period in this country's history. In the year of his birth Queen Victoria ruled securely, Mr Gladstone was Prime Minister, the Fabian Society started, and Karl Marx died.

Within the broad framework of the British Labour tradition Lord Shinwell had exercised a great deal of independence. This had been one of his most notable characteristics, although it had not always pleased everybody, but that had never deterred him. He was never a Methodist, but he had seemed to stand for the proposition that Labour owed more to Methodism than to Marxism. As he himself had said he chose Parliament, not the barricades.

In his maiden speech in 1922 Lord Shinwell said working people were determined to bring pressure on the Government in a constitutional way to do the kind of things which were essential for national and individual well-being. Throughout *his long and distinguished* career he had not departed from that principle.

Lady Seear, leader of the Liberal peers, said she joined wholeheartedly in saluting and congratulating Lord Shinwell on his long parliamentary career and his one hundredth birthday.

Lord Aylestone, speaking on behalf of the SDP peers, said he had once been Lord Shinwell's chief whip, not an easy task, though he was always very loyal.

He hoped he would live for very many years

Lady Hylton-Foster (Ind), speaking for the cross bench peers, said a wise man had said the art of living was the art of using experience, your own and other people's. Lord Shinwell, a very independent thinking patriot, had confirmed this in full measure.

The Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Rev Maurice Wood, speaking on behalf of the bishops and at the request of the Archbishop of Canterbury, said Lord Shinwell had lived through the reigns of nine Archbishops of Canterbury, ten Archbishops of York, nine Bishops of London and five Bishops of Norwich.

He had outlived 33 prelates and primates in those four ancient sees.

With affection and admiration (he said) we say God bless you and may He be with you into your second century.

Lord Blyton (Lab) said that through all the ups and downs of politics he had stood by the party. In the words of Rabbie Burns: "He was the poor man's friend, one of the greatest and the best. If there's another world he'll live in bliss and if there's not he did his best in this."

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) said Lord Shinwell was one of the most lovable characters in the House. He joined in wishing him many more years of service to the House and good health so they might all have the pleasure of hearing many more of his splendid speeches, hardly a word of which they agreed with but every word of which they enjoyed.

Lord Shinwell in his reply to the tributes, defended the House of Lords, an institution which, he said, had retained its dignity and imported none of the behaviour of the football field.

He proclaimed his patriotism and spoke of his wish to see a civilized society where everyone was sufficiently well educated and informed so as to be able to understand an MP when he stated his policies and made his promises.

But he put behaviour above all else.

I should (he said) be the last to boast about behaviour. Many times my behaviour has been shocking. It should not have happened. No restraint, just wanted my own way.

Many of us are like that. As we grow older we lose the need for aggression, for attack. We want to listen more and learn more and play our part in a civilized society.

On the future of the House of Lords, he said that when Labour conferences had talked about abolishing it he had warned: "You have to have another election before you do."

About the House (he said). Nothing wrong with it. I have found it all right. It has been decent to me. Perhaps I have not been as decent to it as I should have been.

Referring to the many tributes, he said it was highly embarrassing to have one's record retold in public.

He suggested that in their generous words peers might be anxious to reveal their compassion for a gentleman who was past his time and had got nothing new to say. Don't be so sure about that (he added).

Warrants proposal rejected

POLICE BILL

An Opposition attempt to require the police to apply to a circuit judge for a search warrant under the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill was defeated by 138 votes to 97 during the third reading of the Bill in the House of Lords. The amendment also provided that if a judge was not available the police would have to apply to a justice of the peace.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, a former Lord Chancellor, moving the amendment, said the powers in the Bill represented a serious invasion of privacy and warrants should be issued only in exceptional circumstances. The decisions would not be easy to make, involving technical matters and difficult problems.

It was desirable therefore that every effort be made to find a circuit judge, of which there were now 400 together with many recorders exercising the power also, and only if one was not readily available should application be made to a justice of the peace.

Lord Plant (Lab) said he opposed the amendment because it was bad law not to have a clear course of action. Leaving an alternative meant the police officer having to decide whether a circuit judge was available or not.

Lord Denning (Ind), the former Master of the Rolls, said he had originally agreed with Lord Elwyn-Jones, but now believed it would mean officers having to telephone numerous circuit judges to find one available, which would waste time.

A justice of the peace, advised by a clerk, was experienced in making the sort of decisions necessary for the issuing of a search warrant.

Lord Elton, Minister of State, Home Office, said the amendment was undesirable because warrants often had to be issued in emergency situations and having to try to first locate a circuit judge would mean a danger of delay.

Aircraft firm has aid plea refused

The Government had turned down British Aerospace's request of aid in support of its tender to supply planes for Zimbabwe, **Lord Lucas of Chilworth**, for the Government, announced in the Lords.

He said that careful consideration had been given to the request but it was decided not to provide support from the aid and trade provision to the company.

Lord Hatch of Lusby (Lab), who had asked him if a decision had been made, said this reply would have repercussions for British aircraft sales to central and southern Africa.

He said the decision made it virtually certain that the contract to replace Zimbabwe's planes would go to the Dutch company Fokker because the Dutch Government, in contrast to Britain, would provide such aid. This could mean the loss of jobs in Britain's aircraft industry.

Lord Lucas said the Government was not prepared to reconsider the matter.

Next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

Monday: Debate on the army on a motion for the adjournment.

Tuesday: Motions on the rate support grant order for Scotland and motion on Northern Ireland fire services order.

Wednesday: Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill, Lords amendments.

Thursday: Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, Lords amendments.

Friday: Debate on the development of higher education provision.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:

Monday: Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill, third reading.

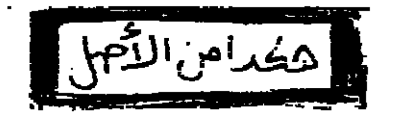
Tuesday: Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill, third reading. Debate on EMC regional development fund.

Wednesday: Roads (Scotland) Bill, Commons amendments.

Thursday: Debate on White Paper on buses.

Parliament today

Lords (11): Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, third reading, second day.



Donaldson calls for extension of legal aid to better-off

From Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent, Bournemouth

Radical reforms of the legal aid system to make it more just for eht many people of moderate means prevented from pursuing their legal rights were called for by Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, yesterday.

At present a person on legal aid could receive assistance far beyond the means of a person of moderate income who might not qualify at all and would "sink without trace", he said.

However much money was at stake, the person on legal aid always paid the same contribution towards his legal costs, he told the Law Society's annual conference in Bournemouth.

"We have to evolve a system whereby those who really do have legal rights to enforce or protect receive better treatment; and whereby those who do not, who are unsuccessful in litigation, have rather more at stake."

Sir John proposed a new basis for legal aid which would depend not just on the means of a person, but also on the likely cost of litigation.

There would be no ultimate limit to eligibility for legal aid, he said. The sole test would be whether the application was prevented from enforcing or defending his legal rights by lack of means.

"This must be right in principle. The man of moderate means, who is faced with large expenditure in protection of his legal rights, is just as deserving of help as the man who is penniless and is faced with smaller expenditure."

Sir John also proposed that taking out legal insurance should be encouraged and that those who took such steps should "acquire a preferential right to legal aid".

That might take the form of a cut in the resources taken into account when assessing entitlement to legal aid, he said. The legal aid would take over when the insurance cover had run out.

Another idea was that the legal aid scheme be placed on a loans and grants basis for both parties.

Sir John challenged the use of judges and lawyers in most disputes. Many could be settled at tribunals without lawyers, and lay people should be considered as arbitrators or civil justices of the peace to support the work of courts and judges.

Much High Court work could be done more cheaply by county courts and that of county courts by arbitrators, he said.

He also urged that courts should have the discretion to allow a claim to proceed and that in appropriate casesjudges should have the power to fine plaintiffs for acting in bad faith.

With computers, courts could help to speed up cases by monitoring progress and lawyers should be answerable to the court for any delays, Sir John said.



Sir John Donaldson: "Reforms needed".

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Closure fears for rural solicitors

By our Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government was warned yesterday that its proposals to allow conveyancing by banks and building societies will destroy legal services for millions of people who live in rural areas, small towns, and villages.

In a few years conveyancing would become the virtual monopoly of a dozen lending institutions, forcing the small firms of solicitors who are the bulk of the profession to close, Mr Arthur Hoole, President of the Law Society, said. He told about 300 solicitors at the society's annual conference in Bournmouth that the Government should think again.

Does a Government concerned at the expenditure already required for legal aid intended to provide the money for law centres so that those millions who live in rural areas and small towns can continue to get legal assistance?

"Or are they to travel by non-existent branch lines and non-existent buses to large towns where alone solicitors will survive?

The Law Society had always been and was still completely opposed to the proposal, he said. Far from increasing competition, the proposal, might reduce or extinguish it. Small firms of solicitors would be unable to compete with large organizations doing conveyancing at apparently nominal costs which were absorbed into loan interest rates.

Mr Hoole also spoke of the dangers of estate agents offering conveyancing services. There was a serious risk that a house-buyer or seller would go to such an agent, be offered a conveyancing package, and never see a solicitor at all. It was essential that solicitors should be free to offer similar packages and they should be encouraged to unite so that they could compete in the market

He urged the profession to provide a service of high quality which was the best, to uphold high professional standards, and to reduce the law's delays. But he said that even with economics, lawyers' services would never be cheap. Contrary to popular belief, they had undercharged for many years in several areas of work.

If the vast unmet need for legal services was to be tackled, there needed to be a "massive input of government money or a vast expansion of legal expenses insurance or both".

Small claim £500 limit 'too low'

By Kenneth Gosling

Simpler procedures for bringing small claims in Scotland, with courts sitting in the evenings and at weekends, is recommended today by the Scottish Consumer Council.

Commenting on government plans to introduce a small claims procedure in the next Parliamentary session, the council says that the £500 limit is not high enough and should be £1,000 or £3,000.

"Some of the most common consumer problems with unsatisfactory goods occur with used cars and furniture, nowadays often costing thousands of pounds. It should be possible for people to be able to use the new procedure for such common disputes."

The council is also concerned about the general rule that a losing claimant pays both sides' expenses, with no limit.

Miss Margaret Burns, the council's legal advisory officer, said: "The courts are a public service, paid for by the public, and should be organized and have rules that have meaning for the ordinary member of the public".

PIE chief may be extradited

The Home Office is to seek the extradition from The Netherlands of Mr Stephen Smith, the leader of the sex organization Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE).

An official said that the extradition papers prepared by the Director of Public Prosecutions had to be sent to the Dutch authorities by the end of the month. Mr Smith, who was scheduled to stand trial with two other men on various sexual and obscenity charges in Britain next month, was arrested last week in northern Holland.

Solicitor set to be struck off

Mr Harry Futerman, a solicitor sentenced to two years' imprisonment for theft by the Central Criminal Court in March, 1982, was ordered yesterday to be struck off the Roll of Solicitors for conduct unbefitting a member of the profession.

Mr Futerman, of Honeybourne Road, Kilburn, north London, had been convicted of stealing a total of £33,500.

Unlawful jailing payment

Cambridgeshire police agreed to pay £3,000 damages to a London barrister in the High Court yesterday for her unlawful imprisonment.

Miss Claire Marlow, aged 25, was arrested at her home in Villiers Road, Cricklewood, north-west London on suspicion of handling stolen goods. She was taken to Kilburn police station where she was detained for almost six hours before being released.

The agreed damages and costs are to be paid by the Chief Constable for Cambridgeshire who is responsible for the officers involved. They were found liable at an earlier hearing because of failure to put in a defence to the action.

Foreigner outrages Sumo purists

From David Watts
Tokyo

After only two years in sumo wrestling Salevaa Atisanoe came close to winning the Tokyo Shimbun contest. His rise to the top has been remarkable, but what is stirring up remarkably deep passions on all sides in Japan is that he is an American Samoan.

Sumo is a sport unique to Japan. Its a melange of sport and religion, laden with protocol and ceremony and with a clearly defined system of ranking through which it normally takes many years to progess.

Using the *nom de sport* Konishiki, Atisanoe has swept aside some of the great traditional names and upset the promotion prospects of not a few of them. Only one other foreigner, the Hawaiian Takamiyama, has made such an impact in the sport. But he took much longer and followed a more traditional pattern.

Konishiki is stunning at 6ft 1½ in. His body is so gross at more than 26 stone that great rolls of flab hang below his armpits and his chest has the pendulous brasts of an old woman. like most sumo wrestlers he appears to be merely grossly overweight and unfit. But his strength and agility are formidable; it is his strength that has been the undoing of his opponents. And that alone, says his enemies, is not the stuff of champions.



Battle of giants: Konishiki putting the squeeze on a higher-ranked opponent during a Tokyo tournament.

Mr Akira Yoshimura, a novelist and avid sumo fan, told a weekly magazine: "This tournament was a sad spectacle. It was not sumo. We must not allow this to go on. I am a conservative and I resent foreign sumo wrestlers."

Some of the younger fans believe the introduction of foreign blood has strengthened rather than weakened the sport, but the traditionalists seem to be in the majority. A "Stop Konishiki Movement" is gathering momentum which could ban foreigners from the sport.

Retiring sumo stars normally go on to train young newcomers and become stable masters; sumo wrestlers are gathred under individual trainers much like race horses. Takamiyama, who rose high in sumo, became a naturalized Japanese citizen and is now a stable master.

Konishiki, though he speaks Japanese well; says he has no such intention. He plans to retire after a 10-year career and open a supermarket in Hawaii.

Kremlin rewards Gromyko for his growing influence

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Mr Andrei Gromyko's key role in the Soviet leadership was further emphasized when President Chernenko yesterday awarded him the Order of Lenin and praised his "contribution to elaborating and implementing Soviet foreign policy". In a speech of thanks Mr Gromyko avoided hardline language and called for normal, peaceful relations with the West.

He was congratulated by the Politburo recently for his "great work" in conducting talks with President Reagan in Washington on behalf of the Kremlin. With the Soviet Union in a more or less permanent succession crisis since President Brezhnev's death two years ago, Mr Gromyko has come to peronify continuity and has increasingly decided policy as well as carried it out.

At the Kremlin ceremony yesterday, Mr Chernenko noted that Mr Gromyko had spint 45 years in foreign affairs, 27 as Foreign Minister and 11 as Politburo member. "Andrei Gromyko is well known in the Soviet Union and many other countries as one of the most influential statesmen", Mr Chernenko said.

In reply, Mr Gromyko referred to the next party congress, which gas not been announced but is expected to be in 1986. Without mentioning that Mr Cherenko is presiding over the commission on the new party programme and hopes to present it to the congress [the twenty-seventh], Mr Gromyko said it would open up long-term prospects for the country's economic and social development.

The Soviet Union would "continue to cooperate with all states with a view to easing tension and placing international relations back on a footing of normal peaceful cooperation". That was especially important in the present world situation, "which has deteriorated as a result of actions by the imperialist forces".

Mr Gromyko is Foreign Minister and First Deputy Prime Minister, as a promotion he received under Mr Andropov.

Nakasone vows to curb illegal wildlife imports

From Our Own Correspondent, Tokyo

Mr Yashure Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, promised the Duke of Edinburgh last night that Japan would take measures to prevent illegal imports of wildlife.

The Duke, who is president of the World Wildlife Fund, and Mr Nakasone were in jovial mood for what was otherwise a serious meeting.

Mr Nakasone said it was a shame for Japan that it had been criticized at a recent international convention in Kuala Lumpur for its failure to comply with provisions of the Washington convention on wildlife, but he said Japan would try ro ensure that no wildlife was imported without the written permission of the exported country.

Japan is said to be the world's biggest dealer in wildlife and to have the biggest involvement in illegal transactions.

The Duke pulled no punches in his discussions with leading Japanese, backed up by the critical convention mood, and called for the protection of habitats as the key to protection of species.

TV video shown in hunt for Tokyo poisoner

Tokyo – As 40,000 police comb the Osaka and Tokyo areas for clues to the identity of the person or group poisoning confectionery, television stations are running over and over a haunting video tape of a man in a shop in the Osaka area where poisoned sweets were later found (David Watts writes).

The video has raised controversy because so far there is no hard evidence to connect the blurry figure in glasses and a baseball cap with the poisoner.

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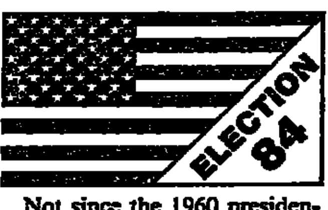
Archbishop steps up his attack on Ferraro over the abortion issue

From Bailey Morris
Washington

This week Archbishop John O'Connor of New York stated clearly a position which has created an unprecedented election-year schism between Catholic candidates and prominent Roman Catholic bishops in the United States.

In an address directed at America's 53 million Catholics, he said it was the duty of public officials and candidates for election both to publicly oppose abortion on demand and to work for modification of laws legalizing abortion.

Archbishop O'Connor's statement escalated not only his attacks against Ms Geraldine Ferraro, a Catholic who is the Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate, but also the growing US debate over matters of Church and state which have surfaced so strongly in this election.



Not since the 1960 presidential campaign of Mr John Kennedy, the first Catholic President, have the responsibilities to the church of a Catholic officeholder been so fiercely debated.

It is a debate which has provoked sharp statements from prominent Catholic officeholders – Ms Ferraro, Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachussetts, Mr Mario Cuomo, the Governor of New York, Mr Thomas O'Neill, the Speaker of the House – over the dangers of mixing politics and religion.

This year the issues are quite different from the 1960 Kennedy campaign in which the Catholic church maintained a low profile even though its tacit support for the candidate was evident. Mr Kennedy's appeal for religious tolerance was directed mainly at the non-Catholic electorate. Ms Ferraro, Mr Cuomo, state and local officeholders are seeking the backing of the Catholic church for their right to take public positions which may conflict with their own private religious beliefs.

Neither Ms Ferraro nor Mr Cuomo, considered a leading candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1988, personally supports abortion. But both have stated strongly their shared positions that as officeholders they must uphold the law permitting abortions. That they cannot impose their own beliefs as Catholics on the electorate as a whole. They support free choice on abortion.

The episcopal Bishop of New York, Mr Paul Moore Jr, recently stepped into the fray, stating his belief that the primary duty of officeholders is to uphold the constitution and the nation's laws even if the laws are contrary to personal religious beliefs.

Bishop Moore, noting that he had never endorsed a political candidate or party, said he regarded the separation of Church and state as "one of the deepest foundations of freedom in America".

Archbishop O'Connor has chosen to walk a difficult tightrope between matters of Church and state. He has publicly rebuked Ms Ferraro for her statements on abortion, wondering aloud how any Catholic in good conscience could vote for anyone who explicitly supported it.

His statements have divided conservatives and liberals in the American Catholic Church. They have drawn complaints from prominent Catholics that "the Church is shooting down our own people". Mr Cuomo responded on September 13 in a televised address: "There is no Church teaching that mandates the best political course for making our belief everyone's rule, for spreading this part of our Catholicism," Mr Cuomo said. He has proposed a taskforce to explore a "cluster of life-and-death issues" and their relation to public policy.

The remarks this week of Archbishop O'Connor, a former Navy chaplain who rose to the rank of rear-admiral, were billed as a rebuttal to Mr Cuomo's well received address.

Defending his criticism of political figures, Archbishop O'Connor said: "It will simply not do to argue that laws won't work or that we cannot leglislate morality. Nor will it do to argue that 'I won't impose my morality on others'."

Archbishop O'Connor heads a group of American bishops, including Archbishop Bernard Law of Boston, who have been criticized for appearing to urge Church members to vote for candidates who agree with the Church's positions on abortion. Indeed, Archbishop Law stated last month that abortion was "the single most important issue in this campaign" and he urged voters to make it their primary concern when casting ballots.

But the influential National Conference of Catholic Bishops made it clear in a recent statement that the American Church is not involved in single issue politics and does not seek to create a "voting block".

Reagan stays away from Grenada

Washington (NYT) Mr Peter McPherson, the head of the agency for International Development, and not President Reagan will represent the United States at celebrations in Grenada marking the first anniversary of the American invasion last October, State Department officials said yesterday.

There has been speculation that the President would visit the island for the anniversary late this month on the eve of the presidential election.



Welcome back: Bishop Tutu is embraced after landing at Jan Smuts Airport.

Tutu returns to his flock

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Bishop Desmond Tutu, winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize, returned home yesterday to a rapturous welcome from dancing and singing church workers, wide acclaim from black leaders and a deafening silence from the Government, of which he has been a persistent and outspoken critic.

Neither Mr P. W. Botha, the State President, nor any of his Cabinet colleagues have commented on the award. Pretoria's attitude is thought to have been accurately reflected, however, in the weekly *Current Affairs* commentary by the South African Broadcasting Corportation.

This spoke of the exuberant reaction of South Africa's enemies and said it raised the question "whether the will of Alfred Nobel is being correctly interpreted by the peace prize committee in Oslo".

Bishop Tutu's contribution to peace in South Africa was neither "remarkable nor consistent". The commentary quoted a remark he was alleged to have made in London: "Do not abandon us even – perhaps especially – if our struggle becomes violent."

Several hundred people crowded into the arrival hall at Johannesburg's Jan Smuts Airport to greet Bishop Tutu, a dapper figure in the purple cloth of the Anglican faith, who had flown in with his wife and two daughters via London from New York, where he had been on sabbatical, teaching at a theological college.

A storm of cheering and adulation broke out as he appeared. People surged round him, waving banners saying "Welcome Baba" and "Apartheid goodbye", and then broke into deep-throated singing of Nkosi Sikelele Afrika (God Bless Africa), the emotional Xhosa anthem of the black nationalist movement.

Most of those present were fellow clergymen or employees of the South African Council of Churches, of which Bishop Tutu is the general secretary. He said he saw the prize as not just for himself but for "all the people whose noses are rubbed in the dust every day".

There was an emotional reunion with Beyers Naude, the Afrikaaner theologian, who wept and was embraced by the bishop as he told him: "I pray the day may come when my own people will understand something of the message you bring to black and white."

At a press conference later at the Johannesburg headquarters of the council of churches, Bishop Tutu said he supported the aims of the African National Congress, but not its violent methods.

He dismissed the new constitution as a dangerous waste of time. "There are still too many people in this country who want to change, provided everything stays the same", he said.

'CIA file' for Contras stirs up Congress

From Nicholas Ashford
Washington

A 44-page manual which the CIA is said to have prepared for Nicaragua's anti-Sandinista guerrillas, and includes advice on assassination, blackmail, kidnapping and mob violence, has caused an outcry in the United States Congress.

Mr Edward Boland (Democrat, Massachusetts), chairman of the House of Representatives intelligence committee, has condemned the document, entitled "Psychological operations in Guerrilla warfare", as being "repugnant to a nation that condemns violence".

His committee is investigating the CIA's alleged role in drawing up and financing the manual, the existence of which was disclosed by the Associated Press earlier this week.

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, vice-chairman of the Senate select committee on intelligence, has asked the CIA to report on the matter today. Several other prominent Democratic senators have condemned the document. Senator Christopher Dodd (Democratic, Connecticut) said it "made a mockery" of the vociferous condemnation by the United States of state-supported terrorism.

The manual, which was written in Spanish, contains instructions for blackmailing Nicaraguans so they can be coerced to work for the anti-Sandinistas, arranging the deaths of fellow rebels to create "martyrs" for their cause, staging violence by armed mobs, and arranging public executions of Nicaraguan Government officials. It also discusses how to justify shooting fleeing civilians "if it becomes necessary".

The CIA has refused to comment publicly on the manual, but several newspapers have reported that its authenticity has been confirmed by United States officials.

Mr Boland described the alleged role of the United States in preparing the manual as "a disaster for United States foreign policy" and said it was as damaging to America's image as the disclosures earlier this year of the CIA's role in mining Nicaraguan harbours.

At least 13 die in US hotel blaze

Paterson, New Jersey (AP) – A fire believed to have been started by a disgruntled employee swept through an eight-story residence hotel yesterday, killing at least 13 people and injuring 60, some of whom jumped from windows.

Russell Conklin, aged 44, a part-time employee who was said to have argued with the night manager of the Hotel Alexander Hamilton, was arrested and charged with arson and murder. Firemen reported that 15 people died in the fire, but other officials could confirm only 13 deaths.

There were more than 200 people in the hotel when the fire started, and many people tied sheets and blankets together to escape from the windows. One resident said: "The ones who were more scared just went ahead and jumped."

Socialite named in brothel case

New York (AP)–The alleged head of a $1,000-a-night brothel belongs to one of America's oldest families, with ancestors who arrived on the Mayflower and fought in the War of Independence, the *New York Post* reported.

The newspaper identified Sheila Devin, aged 32, accused by police of running a call-girl operation, as the daughter of a prominent New Jersey socialite. She was freed on $7,500 bail after surrendering to the Manhattan district attorney's office.

Swapo men freed

Windhoek (Reuter) – Seventy-four Swapo guerrillas were released from a Namibian detention camp yesterday after a board of inquiry set up by Mr Willie van Niekerk, South Africa's Administrator-General, ruled they were no longer a threat to law and order. Most of the detainees were captured in Angola in 1978.

Swede expelled

Belgrade (Reuter) – A Swedish journalist, Sune Olosson of the Stockholm daily *Svenska Dagbladet*, was expelled from Yugoslavia this week accused of "defending terrorism in his articles", the Swedish Embassy said. Two weeks ago Yugoslavia expelled the British journalist Nora Beloff.

Bought out

Bonn (Reuter) – Twenty-one East Germans won emigration to the West in August after occupying Bonn's embassy in Prague, where more than 130 others are staging a similar sit-in. A West German television report said their exit was bought with cash payments to East Berlin.

Pact approved

Hongkong (Reuter) – The 48-member Legislative Council here endorsed the Sino-British draft agreement on the territory's future after three days of debate. One of the two members who abstained said it was "the best of a bad deal" and not an occasion for rejoicing.

Soviet reward

Moscow (Reuter) – General Vladimir Govorov, who commanded troops in the area where a South Korean airliner was shot down last year, has been awarded the Hero of the Soviet Union medal, *Pravda* reported.

Bongo barred

Gingins, Switzerland (Reuter) – Local councillors have barred President Bongo of Gabon from buying a 10-acre property in this picturesque village near Lake Geneva. Residents did not want the village overrun by security guards.

Policeman shot

Spain (Reuter) – Two suspected Basque guerrillas riding a motor-cycle shot dead a municipal policeman outside his home here.

Correction

The Spanish Embassy in Guatemala City was burnt down in 1980 not as a result of rioting, as stated on October 7, but in the course of the violent termination of a peaceful occupation by Indian peasants.

Bush falls again into gender trap

From Trevor Fishlock
Portland, Oregon

Once again, Vice-President Bush publicly stumbled at gender gap, that feature of the political geography which has been especially troublesome to Republicans.

Already convicted of male chauvinism this week for his comment on his debate with Mrs Geraldine Ferraro – "We tried to kick a littl ass last night" – Mr Bush caused more dismay during a public forum here.

He was his own master of ceremonies, ranging the floo of a packed hall, picking out questioners at random. Although many women put up their hands to attract his attention, he picked man after man. When time ran out and he chose the last questiner – another man – a woman shouted: "How about a question from a woman?"

There was loud applause at that suggestion. Mr Bush got the message and called on a woman. She happened to be an advocate of a freeze on nuclear weapons who asked him about nuclear policy. She was cheered. Mr Bush responded, also to cheers, that "our policy is that a nuclear war is not winnable and must never be fought".

Mr Bush was beginning a campaign swing in Oregon, strong Republican country. President Reagan will be in the same region next week. Both men are helped by a measure, signed by the President this week, to give relief to the North-West's hard-pressed timber industry.

Cheek to cheek: President Reagan gets a kiss from Drew Barrymore, the actress, at a White House ceremony.

Falklands optimism by UN chief

New York (Reuter) – Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, said yesterday that confidence-building measures and dialogue could help Argentina and Britain to resolve their dispute over the Falkland Islands.

In a written report to the General Assembly, due to take up the question on October 31, he said it was "a positive sign" that both nations had their first direct contact since the 1982 conflict when they met recently in Berne, Switzerland.

"I am also heartened by the desire, repeatedly expressed by both sides, to seek a way to resume their dialogue, as well as by their avowed commitment not to resort to force in connexion with the dispute," Señor Pērez de Cuéllar said.

He repeated his offer to help both sides

Litte cheer for Finnish communists

From Olli Kivinen
Helsinki

The Stalinist wing of Finland's Communist Party has been forced to measure its electoral strength with a separate list of candidates in the local elections on Sunday and Monday, and opinion polls predict that it will do very badly.

The party has been split for almost two decades into Eurocommunist majority and Stalinist minority, but the rift deepened this year. The factions now face elections as separate parties for the first time.

An opinion poll published in the *Helsingin Sanomat* newspaper predicts that the total share of the communist vote will fall to 11.7 per cent compared with 16.6 per cent in the 1980 local elections.

The prospects for the communists are bad in the crucially important Helsinki area. In Helsinki itself the communists can count on only 11.6 per cent of the voters compared with 15.9 four years ago. In Espoo, which is just west of the capital, the communists' share of the vote will fall to 7.9 per cent from 12.3 per cent in 1980, according to the poll.

For the Stalinist faction the prospects are even worse. In Helsinki it is expected to receive only 2.6 per cent of the votes cast compared with the Eurocommunists' 9 per cent. In Espoo, which is Finland's fourth biggest city, the Stalinists will be all but wiped out with their predicted 1.1 per cent

Among the big parties, the Social Democrats and the Centre Party are expected to maintain their positions with 26.3 and 18.4 per cent of the vote respectively, while the Conservatives are expected to drop from 22.9 per cent in 1980 to 20.9 per cent.

Austrian minister's visit signals thaw for Poland

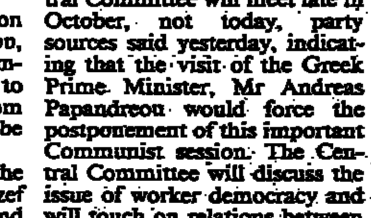
From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

The end of the Western diplomatic boycott of Poland was signalled yesterday by the Austrian Foreign Minister there Leopold Gratz. Completing a three-day visit to Warsaw he called for a reexamination of policy towards General Jaruzelski's Governmemt and for Western creditors to give the Polish economy a five-year breathing space.

Herr Gratz, who is the first Western albeit neutral Foreign Minister to visit Warsaw since the imposition of martial law in 1981, expressed satisfaction about the progress in "humanitarian affairs" in Poland. He indicated that he had asked about the fate of the remaining political prisoners, and had been told that they were being investigated by the courts.

There had been progress on the issue of family reunification, and he was given the impression that a proposal to banish political offenders from Poland would probably be shelved.

The minister also saw the Polish Primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, during his visit and declared his support for the church scheme to channel Western funds to private farmers. However it was unclear whether Austria proposed to pay money into the fund.



Herr Gratz: Satisfied at progress

● Poland's Communist Central Committee will meet late in October, not today, party sources said yesterday, indicating that the visit of the Greek Prime Minister, Mr Andreas Papandreou would force the postponement of this important Communist session. The Central Committee will discuss the issue of worker democracy and will touch on relations between factory managers, worker directors and the new trade unions.

EEC tops Craxi talks

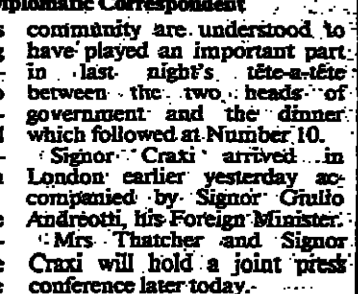
By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Europen Community issues will dominate today's Downing Street talks between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, at their first bilateral meeting since the Fontainebléau summit of European leaders last June.

The debate is over the admission of Spain and Portugal to the EEC. Plans for the future development of the community are understood to have played an important part in last night's tête-a-tête between the two heads of government and the dinner which followed at Number 10.

Signor Craxi arrived in London earlier yesterday accompanied by Signor Giulio Andreotti, his Foreign Minister.

Mrs Thatcher and Signor Craxi will hold a joint press conference later today.



Iran launches offensive to protect villages

Tehran (Reuter) – Iran threw its troops against Iraqi positions in the mountainous central sector of the front yesterday in an offensive designed to protect border villages from Iraqi artillery fire, official sources said.

Tehran Radio said hundreds of Iraqi troops were killed or wounded and more than 100 captured in the attack. Iran's news agancy said the Iraqis were retreating, leaving behind artillery and 20 wrecked tanks. It claimed that Iranian troops wiped out parts of an Iraqi infantry brigade and commando battalion.

In Baghdad, a High Command communiqué said the Iraqis had torn the attacking Iranians to pieces

The renewed fighting ended a relative lull which has held since February this year, when Iran seized the oil-rich Majnoon islands on the Iraqi side of the southern front.

● CAIRO: President Mubarak has rulled out Iran as perpetrtor of recent mine explosions in the Red Sea and narrowed down Egyptian suspicions to Libya, according to an interview published yesterday

Mr Mubarak also told the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Siyassah* that Libya would have to bear "cruel consequences" if it launched any new action undermining Egyptian security.

Agenda backlog keeps Unesco in session

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The 51 members of the executive board of the United Nations Educational, Educational Scientific, and Cultural Organization agreed yesterday to extend their meeting until midday on Monday in an attempt to examine the many resolutions still needing attention. The present session, which began on September 26, was to end today.

Among the more controversial resolutions is one from the United States proposing that on questions concerning Unesco's budget or programme a vote of 85 per cent of the executive board be required, instead of a simple majority, if a consensus cannot be reached. That would effectively give a built-im veto to the Western minority who represent less than one quarter of the executive board.

The United States, will leave Unesco at the end of the year unless "significantly, permanent and important" changes are made, also wants a special meeting of the executive board some time in November or December to examine the final report of the US General Accounting Office inquiry into allegations of gross financial inefficiency and maladministration by the Unesco secretariat.

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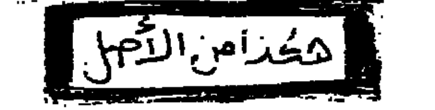
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Inflation-battered Israel struggles against spectre of Weimar

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

With inflation now rapidly approaching 1,000 per cent, Israel's Government of national unity is struggling to overcome internal differences and devise a policy to save the country from a situation which, some fear, could be as dangerous as any it has faced on the battlefield.

The signs of a potential breakdown in social order are already to be seen and have prompted several commentators to liken the situation to that which existed in Germany during the final stages of the Weimar Republic.

Even as ministers argued this week about possible remedies (a 27-point austerity plan has been put forward), it was revealed by senior bankers that the declining value of the shekel may soon necessitate measures for no other reason than the inability of the computers to handle the growing number of digits in every calculation.

According to sources in the data processing industry, inflation has now reached such a pitch – last month's 21.4 per cent jump was the highest in the country's 36-year history – that the computers used by the banks and the Government can no longer cope. "Technically, it will be impossible to continue this way," a Tel Aviv bank official said.

Although attempts to hammer out a wages and prices freeze between the Government, private employers and the Histadrut, the national labour dederation, have failed so far, the inexorable rise in prices has now begun to take its toll despite a cushioning system which compensates all employees for 80 per cent in increases in the cost of living.

The appearance of the latest index-accompanied by forecasts of worse to come next month – coincided with some grim figures. Those showed that take-home pay in October will be only 80 per cent of that in July, the monthe of the inconclusive election which gave such sow and painful birth to the nes coalition Cabinet.

This sudden fall comes against the background of price rises which outsiders may find hard to comprehend. Since August, for example, the price of cooking oil has increased by 143 per cent, mayonnaise by 105, chocolate by 101, and tat staple of the Israeli diet, humos, by 61 per cent.

Mrs Shoshana Saguy, a Jerusalem housewife, married to an electricity worker explained: "In the last few weeks things have gone out of conrol. It is no longer possible to shop rationally".

As we talked, the first rains of winter were playing havoc with the Holy City's hopelessly inadequate drainage system. "I cannot afford to buy the children winter coats. They will have to make do with last year's, and that is no way to live." Mrs Saguy said. She is one of many Israelis now contemplating the possibility of emigration for the first time.

As so often in the recent past, the only light on the bleak economic horizon has come from the United States, which recently offered to speed up aid and postpone the repayment of massive debts.

But critics of the new Government have been quick to point out that the move may prove a double-edged sword which could affect Israel's credit-worthiness by giving the world the impression that it is on the verge of bankruptcy.

The crisis atmosphere has been heightened by the disclosure that the Histadrut is considering demanding that its members be paid every fortnight instead of monthly as a way of alleviating the effects of hyper-inflation.

A Treasury team is now devising a fresh emergency package for consideration by ministers.

But economists have been scathing about the measures taken during the Government's first weeks in office, including a six-month ban on the import of 50 so-called "luxury" goods, including shaving cream, chocolates and ceramic bathroom fittings.

The boy who lived 1.6 million years ago

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi

Kenyan, British and American scientists have discovered the most complete skeleton ever found of an early human ancestor, that of a 12-year-old boy about 5ft 4in tall, on the western shore of Lake Turkana (formerly Lake Rudolf) in north-western Kenya.

Mr Richard Leakey, director of the National Museums of Kenya, displayed the fossil remains, which are almost 16 million years old, at a press conference here yesterday. They are of a member of the *Homo Erectus*, which also includes Peking man.

The first piece of fossil skull was found by Mr Kamoya Kimen, a Kenyan, and was followed by other pieces of the same young man. Mr Leakey said the man was taller and better built than *Homo erectus* had hitherto appeared to have been "He was a fine, strapping youth, probably weighing about 65 kg (10st 3lb) he said.

He speculated that the boy would have grown to more than six ft in height had he lived to adulthood. Until now, he said, scientists had generally assumed that early humans were smaller than we are today.

Mr Leakey said the fossils were well preserved in a swamp, and had been dated from the volcanic ashes between which they were sandwiched. it was not possible to say what the boy, knowns as fossil number WT 15000, died of.

● Lake Turkana, in the midst of one of Kenya's remotest and most arid regions, is believed to have had a different climate when the fossil boy lived (AP reports). Judging from other fossil beds around the lake, the area then was well watered and teeming with game, including many species of antelope, hippopotamus, zebra, and an early form of elephant.

During a visit to the lake last weekend with a group from the Kenya museum Society, Mr Leakey said the discovery of skeletons was very, very rare in the fossil record of early man because the bones were usually scattered by predators and that less than a handful had been found.



Early ancestor: Mr Richard Leakey displaying the skull found near Lake Turkana.

Bulgaria tightens entry rules after blast

From Richard Bassett
Vienna

The Bulgarian Foreign Ministry yesterday announced a tightening of visa requirements for foreign visitors to the country. The move was seen by some Western diplomats as a response to last month's bomb explosion in the Bulgarian city of Plovdiv in which a person was killed.

New laws coming into force will mean that it will no longer be possible to extend visas automaticly after crossing the Bulgarian border. Individual tourists and travellers who require a visa will now need also an invitation from a Bulgarian citizen before being allowed into the country.

The move has surprised Western tour operators in Vienna who had been told earlier this year by Bulgarian Tourist Board officials that the country was thinking of relaxing its visa requirements. Since 1967, when Bulgaria abolished its visa requirements with Austria, the country has expanded its Black Sea tourist industry, enabling more than 200,000 holidaymakers from the West to enter the country annually.

Dr Vassil Dachterov, the spokesman for the Bulgarian Foreign Ministry, said that the new requirements were necessary in order to reduce threats to the "security interests of Bulgaria".

These would not affect tourist groups on package tours.

Cool ending to Assad's Russian trip

From Richard Owen
Moscow

As President Assad of Syria left Moscow yesterday after a four-day "Friendly working visit", diplomats noted that the visit had not been as friendly as might have been expected, and President Assad had failed to endorse publicly the Soviet proposal for an international conference on the Middle East.

Damascus is heavily dependent on Moscow for arms supplies, and is considered Russia's closest ally in the Arab world. The Soviet Union and Syria are linked by a friendship treaty signed by Mr Assad in Moscow four years ago.

The Syrian leader's talks with President Chernenko came at a time when Moscow has launched a big diplomatic initiative in the Middle East in a move to forestall any attempt by the United States to bring about a regional peace settlement following the rapprochement between Egypt and Jordan, and the assumption of power in Israel by Mr Shimon Peres.

Diplomats were struck, however, that despite Mr Assad's vociferous condemnation of the Egyptian-Jordanian accord, Mr Chernenko pointedly failed to follow suit.

Perhaps in reponse, Mr Chernenko's reiteration of Moscow's call for an international conference involving Russia and the Palestine Liberation Organization was not echoed by Mr Assad, who merely noted that Soviet proposals contained "a realistic and constructive programme".

There were reported behind-the-scenes differences, too, over Moscow's continued backing for Mr Yassir Arafat as leader of the PLO and Syria's support for Mr Arafat's opponents in the Palestinian movement.

Moscow has also irritated Damascus by leaning toward the Baathist regime in Iraq, whose foreign minister is to visit the Soviet Union soon.

Mr Chernenko promised Mr Assad full Soviet support, but the two leaders' luncheon speeches were not published.

Weinberger stops off to see Husain

Amman. (Reuter). – Mr Caspar Weinberger, the United States Defence Secretary, has ended a Middle East tour with a brief visit to Jordan, during which he and King Hussain discussed the prospects for peace.

Quoting a court spokesman, Jordanian state television said that at the meeting on Wednesday, King Hussain explained his Middle East policy and emphasized the importance of holding an international conference on peace in the region.

The United States and Israel have rejected as propaganda a proposed United Nations-sponsored conference of all parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict, as well as the US and the Soviet Union.

Mr Wienberger said in Tel Aviv before he went to Amman that he would discuss with Jordanian leaders "Israel's very positive attitude towards reinvigorating the peace process with Jordan."

Key Aquino witness 'pressured'

From Keith Dalton
Manila

The commission investigating the murder last year of Benigno Aquino, the Philippine opposition leader, yesterday rejected claims by a key witness that the board had put pressure on him to implicate the military in the killing.

A Philippine Airlines engineer, Mr Celso Loterina, said that in return for a promised job and sanctuary in the United States, he had agreed to testify at a secret session of the inquiry last July that he saw soldiers shoot Mr Aquino.

Because the commission allegedly reneged on its agreement and failed to provide him anonymity, Mr Loterina, in a three-page hand-written letter yesterday, publicly retracted his statement and accused the board of deceiving and betraying him.

Saying that this was a "desparate attempt by some quarters to discredit the board and its findings", the commission denied that one of its members and two senior lawyers badgered Mr Loterina into giving evidence against the military.

Mr Loterina had said at an earlier public hearing that he did not see who shot the opposition leader on August 21, 1983, a few moments after soldiers escorted him from the aircraft which had brought him back from three years of self-imposed exile.

In his signed letter he said he could no longer be sure what happened.

Hand in hand: The chief Argentine negotiator, Señor Marcelo Delpech (left) his Chilean counterpart, Señor Ernesto Videla, and Cardinal Casaroli after the signing.

Vatican hails Beagle Channel agreement

From Peter Nichols, Rome

Delegations representing Argentina and Chile, led on each side by ambassadors, yesterday signed an agreement concerning the ownership of islands in the Beagle Channel, at the southermost tip of South America. It is understood that under the three main islands involved Lennox Picton and Nueva, will go to Chile.

The conclusion of what described by Cardinal Casaroli, the Pope's Secretary of State, as an ancient and complex quarrel has been hailed in the Vatican as a triumph for papal diplomacy.

The negotiations began about five years ago when the Pope offered his mediation in a dispute which has brought the two countries close to war on several occasions. A British attempt in 1971 to help to resolve the matter, under a 1902 treaty by which the British monarch was empowered to act in a mediating capacity, failed. Five judges of the International Court of Justice to whom it was referred found in favour of Chile, but Argentina rejected the decision.

Theoretically the present draft could suffer the same fate. It has to be ratified by the two governments and, in the case of Argentina, be put to a referendum. But the Vatican is optimistic that the worst is over.

● BUENOS AIRES: The treaty is a "triumph for reason, for diplomacy and for peace," the Argentine Foreign Minister, Señor Dante Caputo, said (AP reports).

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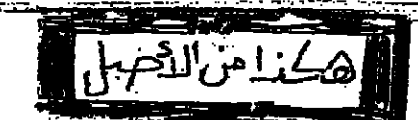
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Three face Texas court next week over sinking of supertanker

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Three men are to appear in court in Houston, Texas, on Monday next week on charges arising from what the prosecution claims was a $56m (£47m) swindle involving a stolen shipment of crude oil and a deliberately scuttled supertanker.

The three, Mr Frederick Ed Soudan, a Houston businessman; Mr. Abdul Wahab al Ghazou, his brother-in-law; and Mr James Shorrock, a Briton resident in The Netherlands, between them face jail terms totalling well over 100 years if found guilty. They have all been held in custody since last May.

However, as a result of a plea-bargain agreement reached between lawyers for two of the defendants and federal prosecutors they are expected to receive only light sentences.

The highly complex case, which centres on an elaborate alleged attempt to circumvent the Arab oil boycott of South Africa, has international ramifications.

Among a number of foreign agencies and organizations closely watching the case will be Lloyd's of London, which in 1981 was ordered by a British court to pay $26m to the Shell International Petroleum Company, which owned the 196,000 tons of oil on board the supertanker, known as the Salem. Another close observer will be the South African Government, whose state-owned oil purchasing organization, the SFF Association Ltd, secretly bought the oil (supposedly destined for the European market) before, the prosecution claims, the tanker was deliberately sunk.

The central figure in the case is Mr Soudan. Last May he was charged in a 23-count indictment of engineering this alleged swindle. He also faces charges in Britain, filed soon after the 218,928-tonne tanker sank off the coast of Senegal in January 1980, but cannot be extradited for this alleged offence.

Mr Soudan has claimed all along that he was a victim and not the perpetrator of the scheme. According to Mr Bruce Locke, his defence lawyer, he will plead guilty to four of the lesser charges contained in the indictment.

Three involve falsifying tax returns and conspiring to obstruct justice and only one relates directly to the Salem case. This states that Mr Soudan deliberately misrepresented himself to the South Africans as a registered oil dealer with intent to defraud.

If the plea-bargain agreement is accepted by the judge Mr Soudan will face a maximum sentence of six years in prison instead of up to 110 years if he had been found guilty on all 23 counts.

The plea-bargain also absolves him from making restitution for the $4.25m which he is alleged to have made from the deal.

Mr al Ghazou's lawyers have also entered a plea-bargain arrangement. He will plead guilty to obstructing justice, one of four charges with which he had been indicted. This carries a maximum sentence of three years in prison. If he had been found guilty on all four counts he could have faced a 20-year term.

Mr al Ghazou is charged with helping Mr Soudan hide his alleged profits by shuffling the money around bank accounts in Europe, the US and the Caribbean.

Mr Shorrock pleaded guilty last July to conspiracy to obstruct justice and will be sentenced at the same time as the other two co-defendants. A second charge against him, of perjury, has been withdrawn.

The 34-page indictment states that Mr Soudan, as owner of the Houston-based American Polomax Inc and the Oxford Shipping Company of Liberia, had used fraudulent means to obtain an oil sale agreement with SFF and to get a loan from a South African bank to buy the Salem.

He is also charged with selling 1.4 million barrels of Kuwaiti crude to an Italian oil company which then sold it to Shell. The indictment says that Mr Soudan arranged to have the oil secretly sold to South Africa and that the Salem was then scuttled to make it appear as though the oil was lost at sea.

South Africa has paid Shell $30m. Lloyd's was ordered to make up the outstanding $26m.

Previous identity: The Salem, then known as the Sea Sovereign, which now lies at the bottom of the Atlantic.

Oldest climber of Everest killed

Katmandu (Reuter) – The Czechoslovak mountaineer, Jozef Psotka, was killed shortly after becoming the oldest conqueror of Mount Everest, the world's highest peak, the Nepalese Tourism Ministry said yesterday.

It said Mr Psotka, aged 50, a physics and electronics teacher from Bratislava, became the oldest person ever to reach the 29,028 ft summit on Monday.

He was killed while descending, apparently on Monday night. His body was found on Wednesday in a crevasse near his expedition's third high-altitude camp at 23,620 ft. (7,200 metres).

He was the third climber to die on Everest this month. Two Australians fell to their deaths on October 9 while their expedition made its final assaut on the peak.

The ministry said two other climbers who joined Mr Psotka at the summit descended safely. they were Zoltan Demjan, aged 29, a geologist from Bratislava and Ang Rita, aged 36, a sherpa.



Dali goes home

Salvador Dali leaves a Barcelona clinic in a wheelchair after spending nearly seven weeks being treated for serious burns.

The Spanish surrealist artist returned to his home town of Figueras yesterday

The artist, aged 80, had been living in his 12th century castle home in Pubol where a fire engulfed his bedroom on August 30. Señor Dali will still have to be fed intravenously because of his weakened state.

Greens expelled after gibes and obscenity

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Two Green members of the Bundestag were expelled amid uproar yesterday for accusing Chancellor Kohl of accepting bribes to get where he was and for shouting an obscenity at the Deputy Speaker.

During a debate on the Chancellor's recent trip to China, Herr Jügern Reents said Herr Kohl's policy was no surprise from a man "whose rise to the head of his party – as we read nowadays – was bought by the Flick concern".

The Flick group of companies has been accused of paying bribes to a number of senior politicians.

Herr Richard Stücklen, ordered him to leave the chamber, and the Greens then demanded a halt to the debate while their faction considered this measure. When Herr Stücklen refused, Herr Joseph Fischer, one of the Green MPs, called out an obscenity.

In the ensuing commotion the sitting was adjourned and Herr Fischer was also expelled for "gross violation of order".

US envoy aims to calm Delhi fears

From Michael Hamlyn Delhi

Relations between India and Pakistan and India and the United States have jointly reached a new low point after speeches by Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, military manoeuvres by Pakistan armed forces and some over-reaction by the Indian media to US statements.

To try to defuse some of the tension, Mr Richard Murphy, the US Assistant Secretary of State, is flying into Delhi tomorrow for meetings with Indian officials and politicians. The Indian External Affairs Minister said last night that the question of US arms supplies to Pakistan would be on the agenda.

Mrs Gandhi told a meeting of party workers that the threat to India had increased, although she was careful to add that it did not mean war was inevitable. She said, furthermore, that India had never attacked any country, nor would it do so in the future. "We believe firmly in the policy of peaceful coexistence and non-violence, but we will not tolerate any foreign invasion at any cost."

Mrs Gandhi was plainly referring to recent remarks by the US ambassador to Pakistan which appeared to say that the United States would assist Pakistan in the case of any invasion from India.

The Indian media have become extremely heated over the implication that India was plotting some kind of invasion. It inflamed comment because of a secret US congressional report that was leaked here and was said to indicate that India may be planning a preemptive strike against Pakistan nuclear installations along the lines of that carried out by Israel against Iraq.

In the meantime, what are described as the biggest-ever military exercises have been going on across the border in Pakistan. According to an Indian news agency, more than five divisions of Pakistani troops, equipped with US and Chinese tanks, are taking part.

The tense situation has led India to ban cross-border traffic between Lahore and Amritsar. Many visas have been issued for Indians to visit Pakistan for the test matches between the two countries. But because of fears that they may be misused by terrorists or espionage agents, the issuing of visas has been stopped.

Bonn moves quickly to dispel acid rain fears

From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the Minister of the Interior, was forced to break off a trip down the Rhine to answer tough questions in Parliament on the latest alarming government report which shows that half of West Germany's forests is damaged or dying.

The report has led to renewed calls for speed limits and emergency all-party initiatives. Damage to the forests from acid rain is increasing at a faster pace than expected and now includes deciduous trees, previously relatively unscathed. In 1982, only 8 per cent of the forests were affected, but that rose to 34 per cent last year and is *expected to continue rising.*

Herr Zimmermann and Herr Ignaz Kiechle, the Minister of Agriculture, said measures to stop air pollution had to be given top priority. Pollution-free cars would play an important part.

All trees are affected, but firs most catastrophically. More than 97 per cent of the firs in the industrial state of North Rhine-Westphalia are diseased and about 86 per cent in Bavaria. For the first time this year, large numbers of beech and oak are also showing damage.

The south of Germany is the worst area with 61 per cent of the forests in Bavaria and Baden-Württemberg, including the famous Black Forest, affected. Herr Zimmermann said the *main cause of the damage* seemed to be sulphur dioxide and nitric oxide and their compounds.

Tamils protest at expulsion with Berne fast

From Alan McGregor Geneva

About 500 Tamils held a silent fast in a Berne church yesterday in protest at Switzerland's decision to return them to Sri Lanka. They also petitioned the Swiss Cabinet to reconsider the decision.

Of about 1,700 applications for political asylum, only one has been accepted and more than 70 have been refused. The Ministry Justice and police said that the Government's policy stood despite representations from many aid organizations, including Caritas and the Swiss League for Human Rights. "They will be leaving during the coming months," it said.

The ministry added that a similar number of Zaireans and smaller numbers of Turks and Chileans were also seeking refuge and that, to make an exception for one nationality would invalidate the whole principle of political asylum.

The Cabinet's decision was taken on the basis of a report by two officials who visited Sri Lanka in August.

Moscow tries again for Peking thaw

Peking (Reuter) – Chinese and Soviet negotiators opened a new round of talks yesterday aimed at thawing frosty relations between them, but Peking leaders said they expected no breakthroughs.

Pravda said at the beginning of the month that Moscow wanted better relations with Peking but China's unacceptable conditions were thwarting normalization.

That Soviet team, headed by the Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Leonard Ilyichov, arrived from Moscow two days ago to resume the dialogue opened in October 1082.

Mr Ilyichow, aged 78, would not say how long he would be in Peking. But the last four rounds of talks have spanned three weeks, with negotiators taking time off in the middle for a provincial tour and consultations with their respective governments.

The Chinese leader Mr Deng Xiaoping, said last week that fundamental problems still blocked the path to rapprochement between the former allies.

Mao denounced again

Peking (Reuter) – China's Communist Party, trying to flush out lingering ultra-left sympathies among its members in a drive to modernize the economy, has underlined again that the old Maoist extremist policies were wrong.

A front-page commentary in the party newspaper, the *People's Daily*, said all members must renounce the policies of the 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution launched by Mao Tse-tung and now officially branded a disaster.

The commentary coincided with an important party meeting here which diplomats expect to approve a package of economic reforms to reduce the role of central planning and shake up industrial management.



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THE ARTS: 1



Donald Cooper

Joy to behold: Kenneth H. Waller (left), Mark Hadfield

Theatre

Blockheads
Mermaid

Thanks to television, Laurel and Hardy are probably even better known now than when they were making pictures, but if you want their material played in flesh and blood you could not hope to see it done better than by Mark Hadfield's Stan and Kenneth H. Waller's Ollie. The physical resemblance is only approximate, but their detail, timing and mutual contact are a joy to behold.

All the effects of the great originals are faithfully recreated, from Ollie's disaster-heralding smirks to Stan's face-crumbling regressions (complete with falsetto blubbering). When they tie themselves in knots with camping stools or bandages, it is done with the relaxed articulation and gentleness that was always the partners' trademark. And, as if to prove the completeness of their transformation, they never descend to twiddling their perfectly chosen ties.

The availability of these two performers evidently stimulated Arthur Whitelaw to put the show together. It was a good reason, and they are well worth the price of a ticket. But, coming from the author of *Snoopy: the Musical, Blockheads* is quite a mess.

Beginning in a Palladium dressing room towards the end of the partnership, the book shows a demoralized Stan refusing to go on and being talked round by the breezy Ollie. What follows is Stan's flashback over his past career, after which (surprise, surprise) is he able to go out and greet the Palladium fans.

Even assuming there would be time for this therapeutic recap while the public are pouring in, the idea presupposes that this is strictly Stan's story; whereas the actual show consists of a double biography, focusing no less on Ollie's 1910 debut as a singing angel in a *Georgia minstrel show* than on Stan's simultaneous arrival in the British music hall; and contrasting his blighted early love life ("Well, fat man, it's happened again") with Stan's well-thumbed address book.

Much more damaging is the divided attitude of the authors – Michael Landwehr, Kay Cole and Mr Whitelaw – to the events themselves. They ask you simultaneously to warm to the memory of two much-loved artists and to click your tongue over their private lives. For instance, Stan gets his first break in films at the price of abandoning his girl partner, characterized as a loud-mouthed shrew. Left alone, he changes from victim to a betrayer in a cheerfully callous number called "Goodbye Mae". Again Ollie sings a tender reconciliation ballad to his wife, and finds time between verses to put a quick call through to his mistress. The style of the ballad differs not at all from Alexander Peskanov's other numbers which are intended to melt your heart.

The obsessive motif of the story is Stan's envy for Chaplin's power to make it as a solo star. This reaches a well prepared climax in a vainglorious number where he adopts several comic masks culminating in Chaplin's moustache and cane – which he breaks in despair. But, like so many episodes in the book, the climax is abruptly cut off, leaving you no idea of whether or not he happily resumed the partnership that Hal Roach originally thrust upon him.

For a small company musical, some of the supporting performances are surprisingly weak (honourably excepting Simon Browne as the partners' irascible stooge). Tim Goodchild supplies an ugly but functional set of film-reel rostra.

Irving Wardle

Concerts

Camerata Bern
Queen Elizabeth Hall

This Swiss ensemble has been extremely active on record in recent years, opening our ears to the eccentric glories of Zelenka and Lebrun, and, in two important boxed sets, to the minor composers of the early Viennese school and the mid-eighteenth-century Mannheim composers. Some of the playing in these recordings has a smooth but rather anonymous quality, so it was a delight to encounter the central string ensemble of the Camerata and to find them a lively, accomplished group.

Perhaps wisely, they eschewed the byways of Music Mozart Might Have Hated and instead offered a mixed programme. Very mixed, in fact, for they started with a Rameau transcription for string band of dubious authenticity – very effective in the dashing arpeggios of *L'Egyptienne*, but rather missing the biting plangency of a harpsichord's attack in *La Poule* and the ethereal *L'Enharmonique*. A better sample of eighteenth-century ensemble work was Leclair's *C* major Oboe Concerto, in which they were joined by their partner in many records, Heinz Holliger.

It never ceases to astonish how freshly and perceptively Holliger continues to approach the task of playing the instrument that now looks and sounds like an extension of his personality. He still seems nervous, as he burrows his head down towards his reed, bobbing along with the orchestral music. But the sounds are full-bodied and perfectly controlled: in the second half he played Vaughan Williams's Oboe Concerto, an uneven but lovely work, and he rose to such heights of poetry at the elegaic close of the first and last movements that the hall held its breath.

Finally there was Bartók, and a thoroughly involved and biting account of the Divertimento for Strings. Even if this piece seems long, watering down the familiar gritty 1930s Bartók style into something more approachable, the Camerata missed none of the fire, with especially fierce cello and bass solos. And the standing circle of violinists and violists added an extra impression of liveliness and commitment.

Nicholas Kenyon

Taverner Consort/ Parrott
St John's

The breadth of interpretation applied to Bach's Mass in B Minor in recent years has now become comically wide. Audacious experiments like Joshua Rifkin's one-voice-per-line recording set the pace at one extreme. At the other are choral society performances, still commonly encountered, where you count the contraltos in fifties as they wring the last drop of expression from Sullivan's 1886 edition.

Not surprisingly, Andrew Parrott steered closely to Rifkin's conception in many ways, modifying it only in deference to live performance demands, notably on soloists' stamina. So his solo team frequently launched the fugues, or lightened the vocal texture in the course of longer choruses, and the point at which the 10-strong Taverner Consort took over was often timed with arresting effect.

The scheme worked perfectly in the first "Kyrie", where the monumental fugue's opening entries were embellished as only soloists can; less so in the "Qui tollis". Here four voices were insufficient to project what should be searing dissonances through Bach's turbulent orchestral texture. Elsewhere, too, one occasionally felt that the crucial balance between voices and instruments, emphatically maintained in the former's favour until the modern era, had been slightly over-rectified. One was sorry, for instance, to lose the low-lying passages of Emily Van Evera's well-shaped "Laudamus te" because of an over-exuberant, if splendidly virtuosic, violin solo.

There small miscalculations mattered little in a performance where the singers allied an educated stylishness (including a penchant for the soft sibilants of Germanic Latin) to impeccable intonation, and where the authentic instruments of the Taverner Players projected Bach's lines with startling clarity.

Most impressive of all was Parrott's unerring sense of musical pace as a means of conveying the vivid drama of the liturgy, whether in the ecstatic triplets of the "Sanctus" or in the measured tread of the "Credo". Margaret Cable's dignified yet affecting "Agnus Dei" was one of several outstanding solos. David Thomas measured the uncomfortable tessitura gap between the "Quoniam" and the "Et in Spiritum" with security, and Emma Kirkby and Rogers Covey-Crump brought a lilting grace to the intertwining lyricism of the "Domine Deus".

Richard Morrison

THE ARTS: 2

Television

London peculiar

Designing a Nightmare (BBC 2) dealt with the making of *1984*, a film set in a city which, as the presenter put it, "must have been very familiar" to those who knew London immediately after the war. And indeed it might still seem familiar, since the atmosphere of London has not really changed – and perhaps, after so long a history, will never radically change. So it was that Alexandra Palace could be used as a scene for urban desolation, and London's East End represented a timeless wasteland. The director described such places as "truly unreal... surreal", and that strange but instantly recognizable landscape has affected the film by lending it a properly English dimension. Some of the scenes in *1984* might have sprung from Dickens as much as from Orwell.

The techniques of film-making are always fascinating for those who, like the present writer, know next to nothing about the cinema – and last night's programme provided an intriguing account "behind the scenes". It is always odd to see how that unreality and contrivance are transformed into a completed film which, for a while, will seem more real than the real world itself.

Commercial Breaks (BBC 2) is concerned with the "raw edge of capitalism" – in last night's case, the jungle of cocoa futures which is no less wild than the jungles near which the beans grow. Cocoa is, after all, a serious subject: it practically supports the Ivory Coast, and brings nervous seizures on well-dressed young men in the City who buy the beans which will eventually, for example, provide the chocolate to make 29 million Kit Kat bars each week.

The hero of last night's programme was actually a New Yorker, who from a rented room works as a "commodity speculator" – acting apparently on instinct, which is perhaps the best instrument for a business which relies on rumour and hysteria rather than anything else. Certainly the Agriculture Minister of the Ivory Coast seemed adept at orchestrating such things; this series, if it does nothing else, illuminates the extraordinary fantasy and theatre of which modern capitalism is constituted.

Peter Ackroyd

Theatre

Money to Live
Royal Court Upstairs

Twenty-two-year-old Jacqueline Rudet is not actually a former member of the Young People's Theatre Scheme, but this play has all the signs of a post-graduate work from that quarter: vivid first-hand presentation of a world of friends and family, a youthful gaucheness in the writing, passion and humour, and a naive tendency to put in everything.

Peter Terson's *Strippers*, recently touring up north, set part-time pub strippers firmly in the context of male unemployment on Tyneside and concentrated on the reaction of their husbands. Ms Rudet's approach is very different: her protagonist, Charlene, is single, black, living alone, disillusioned with men, and working herself tired for £78 a week. A stripper's wage packet brings confidence, independence, escape from the treadmill: surely she is exploiting men, not the other way about? But, when her own sister is half-raped one night, Charlene is not so sure.

One rather odd manifestation of her new self-respect is that she is reconciled with her family and puts them to rights, suggesting a dressmaking business for mother and sister, getting odd-job work for Dad and fixing an abortion for little brother's girlfriend. The point is that even a modest degree of poverty can cripple. What if you do drift into prostitution? As a stripper friend remarks, if you're going to have joyless sex you might as well get paid for it.

Gordon Case's Black Theatre Co-operative production makes the loose dialogue slower still, but Judith Jacob's strong, sensitive Charlene holds it together, pulling off a neat transformation from put-upon ugly duckling to stylish woman of the world. She and Cynthia Powell (as Mother, finally disclosing that she too had turned to prostitution) achieve a touching intensity, and Vivienne Rochester's fur-coated Judy is fatalistic as well as irresistibly flamboyant. If love can only be achieved in a position of financial security (if at all, and the women seem to doubt that), it is a poor look-out, but the men in Charlene's family are not an encouraging sight: brother Chris Tummings ruled by his sex-drive, and melancholy Bob Phillips as their loafing father, brought by a lifetime's poverty to the point where he cannot try any more.

Anthony Masters

● The exhibition of work by Joyce Clissold reviewed by John Russell Taylor on Tuesday was incorrectly billed as being at Waterman's Art Centre, Bradford. This new centre is in fact in Brentford.

● Dinsdale Landen tonight takes over the role of Inspector Truscott in *Loot* at the Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, replacing the late Leonard Rossiter's understudy, John Channell Mills.

Cinema

Native wisdom amid Herzog's own mythology

Where the Green Ants Dream (15)
Chelsea Cinema

The Natural (PG)
Odeon Leicester Square

Conan the Destroyer (15)
Empire

Fear Not Jacob
National Film Theatre



Tradition against the bulldozer: Roy Marika in *Where the Green Ants Dream*

Werner Herzog's **Where the Green Ants Dream** is a German production, made by a German crew, but entirely shot in Australia in English and in Aboriginal tribal languages. The story is a familiar one: a big mining corporation begins exploratory drillings in an area which is sacred to the Aboriginals, who protest with stubborn patience, sitting down in front of the bulldozers, and carrying their case to the courts in Sydney.

Characters and confrontations are familiar enough also: the young white geologist (gangly Bruce Spence) who finds himself progressively drawn to the side of the Aboriginals with their atavistic understanding of the earth; his boss (Norman Kaye) who cheerfully believes that they can be won over by boardroom diplomacy and costly gifts; the white outsider who aggressively identifies with the Blacks; the racist lawyer, exasperated by the dignified, immovable, incomprehensible plaintiffs.

It is dramatically effective, relaxed, comic, sad, and for the most part might have been made by practically anyone. Most characteristic of Herzog perhaps is the somewhat high-handed invention of his own anthropology and mythology for the occasion. Even the elaborate lore of the green ants, which is the dramatic motive of the Aboriginals' battle, is Herzog's own invention. As he explains it: "I wanted to have legends and mythology that come close to the thinking and the way of life of the Aborigines, but I made it clear to them that the film is not their dreaming, it is *my* dreaming. I couldn't claim to make their cause my cause; that would be ridiculous." There is though a suggestion of arrogance and patronage about this, or at least a failure to acknowledge how rich is the Aborigines' culture and how strong is their real-life cause.

It is true that the Aboriginal characters, played by distinguished elders of the community, make that case by their mere presence. Their wisdom is calm and their verdicts are mild but final: "You white men are lost. You don't understand the land. Too many silly questions. Your presence on this earth will come to an end. You have no sense, no purpose, no direction."

Perhaps because of Herzog's unwillingness to deal with the reality of his characters, preferring his own mythology to theirs, much of the film seems waywardly incidental. There is, for instance, a whole sub-plot about an old lady and her lost dog which seems as irrelevant as improbable in this desert region.

There are also touches of inspiration. The old man who is called "mute" because he is the only surviving person who can speak his tribal language, which is the only speech he knows, is a fine metaphor for loss of communication (it is also based in tragic reality). A circle of intending fathers squat among the detergent shelves at the local supermarket because it is the site of a long-vanished sacred fertility tree. The mean-faced supermarket manager lets them stay because fertility is likely to be favourable for future business prospects.

The Natural, the second film of Barry Levinson, who made his début with *Diner*, also works at the level of fable and metaphor. It is adapted from a 1952 novel by Bernard Malamud, and combines reflections on the rise and fall of the American dream with the archetypal Samson and Delilah legend.

Robert Redford, in his first acting role since his directorial début with *Ordinary People*, plays a farm boy with a natural genius for baseball. Before he even gets a chance to play professionally he is shot and crippled by a beautiful woman who is the tool of a racketeer gambler. Not until sixteen years later does he find his place as a star in the professional game, only to find the same history repeating itself. This time however he has the skill, toughness and support of a loving woman needed to defeat corruption and the Delilah deputed to unman him.

It is a period piece, and the Twenties and Thirties have been richly recreated, using locations in Buffalo, a city which saw much ambitious building during that period, including the Victory Stadium, erected as a New Deal relief project. The settings have been photographed to great pictorial effect by Caleb Deschanel, who also has the unusual disinction of using slow motion with discretion and good dramatic sense.

The characters and their emotions are archetypal and larger-than-life: the Hero (who better than Robert Redford – more blond and glowing than ever?); the Femmes Fatales (Barbara Hershey, Kim Basinger); the Prince of Darkness, in the characters of a corrupt old judge (Robert Prosky) who literally cannot bear the light and a ruthless professional gangster (powerfully played by Darren McGavin, who is mysteriously ignored in the publicity for the film); their Mephistophelean creature, a sinister sports reporter (Robert Duvall); the Guardian Angel (Glenn Close) whose love must in the end redeem the hero.

The mythical stature of these characters is constantly emphasized. As a boy the hero fashions his enchanted baseball bat out of the blasted tree beneath which his father died; and every time he hits one of his victorious strokes with it the heavens are once more riven with lightning. His last great hit manages to blast the entire lighting system of the stadium (necessitating one of the film's few anachronisms: big-league games were never played by night in the Thirties).

This finale is remarkably effective in its combination of sport and sentiment – two things that American films tend to manage surprisingly well. The sentiment, superimposed on the original novel by Robert Towne and Phil Dusenberry's screenplay, exploits a particularly responsive chord of American feeling, the communion of father and son, most typically symbolized in the handing on of the native tribal rituals of baseball. For all the panache with which it is managed, the ending is also the film's most palpable false note. Up to this point Malamud's story sweeps on towards an inevitable catastrophic climax, which the new, imposed happy end arbitrarily and unconvincingly denies.

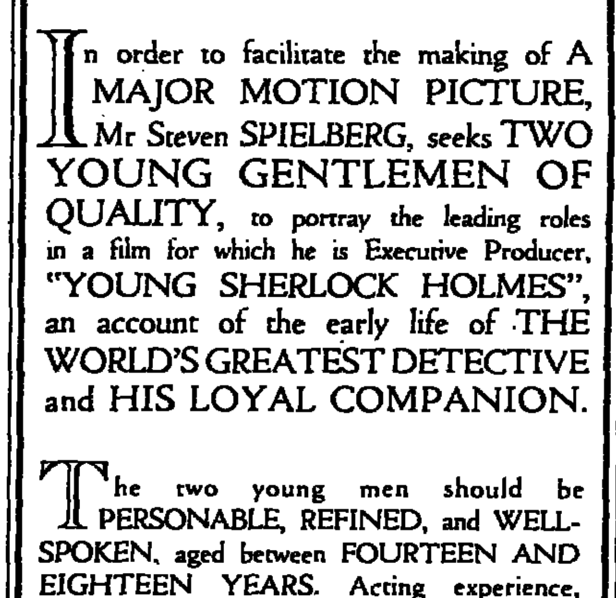
Conan the Destroyer is a contribution to the current genre of wham-pow comic-strip adventure. Directed by Richard Fleischer, this sequel to John Milius's *Conan the Barbarian* is a good deal lighter in touch and better-humoured than the original. Set in the never-never-land of sword and sorcery, the dialogue is cheerfully contemporary ("We're not a charitable institution"), the characters are gaily coloured cardboard cut-outs, and the design and special effects are opulant and inventive.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, the most personable Mr Universe in the history of the contest, mostly restricts his acting to rolling his eyes apprehensively, but he has his own sense of fun and throws himself into the hand-to-hand stuff with a will. His most notable ally in this episode is the singer Grace Jones, playing a formidable black Amazon.

Throughout the next four weeks the National Film Theatre is presenting a season of Independent Jewish Cinema, designed to counteract stereotypes derived from Hollywood impressions of North America's immigrant generations. With one exception (*Jacob the Liar*, a 10-year-old film made in East Germany) the films in the season have all been made within the last five years in Western Europe, Israel and North America, and range in subject from the Holocaust to the foundation and political history of modern Israel and various more particular manifestations of Jewish culture.

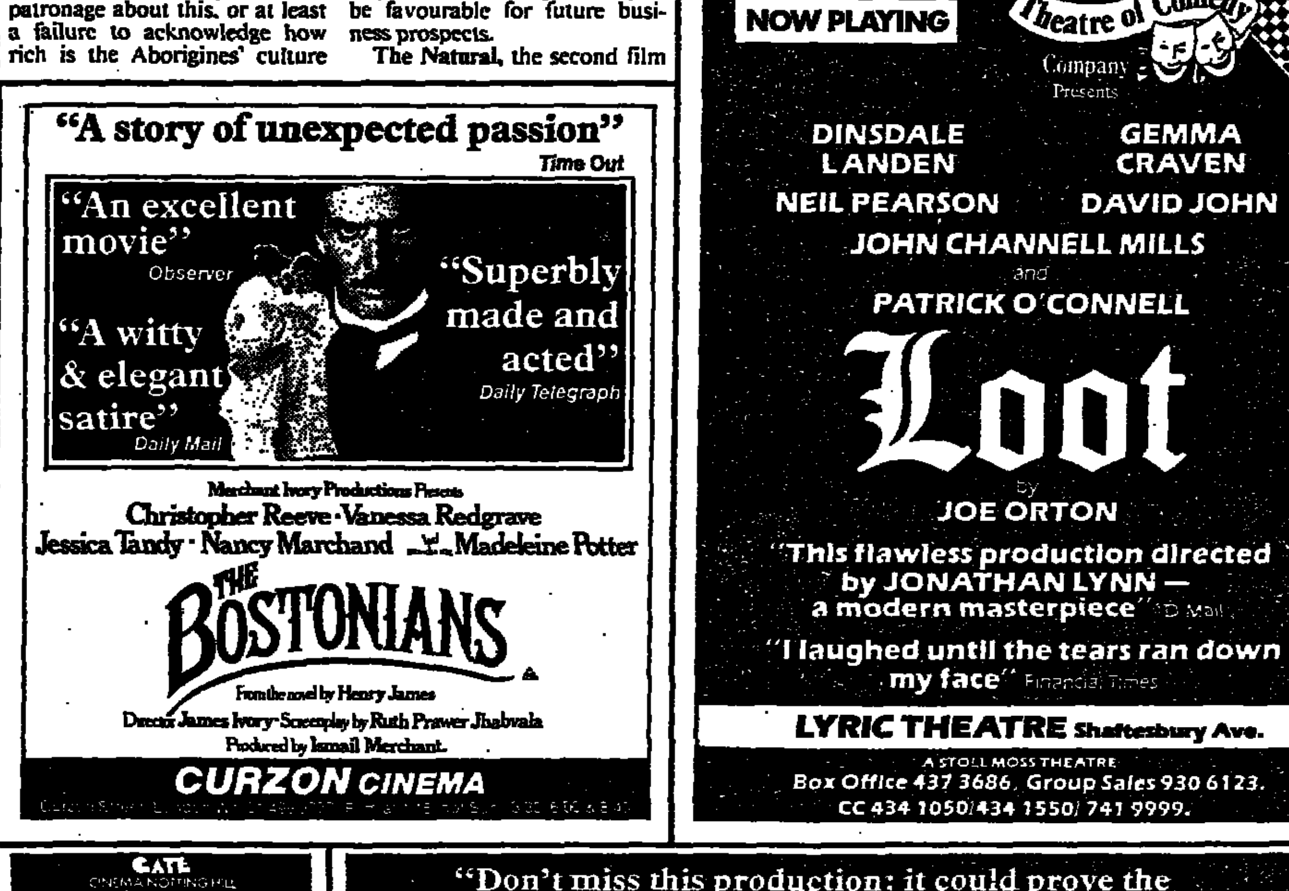
The season opens on Tuesday with **Fear Not Jacob** (1981), which is authentically Diasporaic, as a German production shot in Portugal by an expatriate Romanian, Radu Gabrea. Well staged and handsomely shot (by Igor Luther), it is the story of a Jew who flees the early-century pogroms of the Russian empire only to encounter racial persecution in a small town in Portugal. Working up to a strong horror-movie denouement, it is probably more effective as a thriller than as a specific expression of Jewish history and culture.

David Robinson





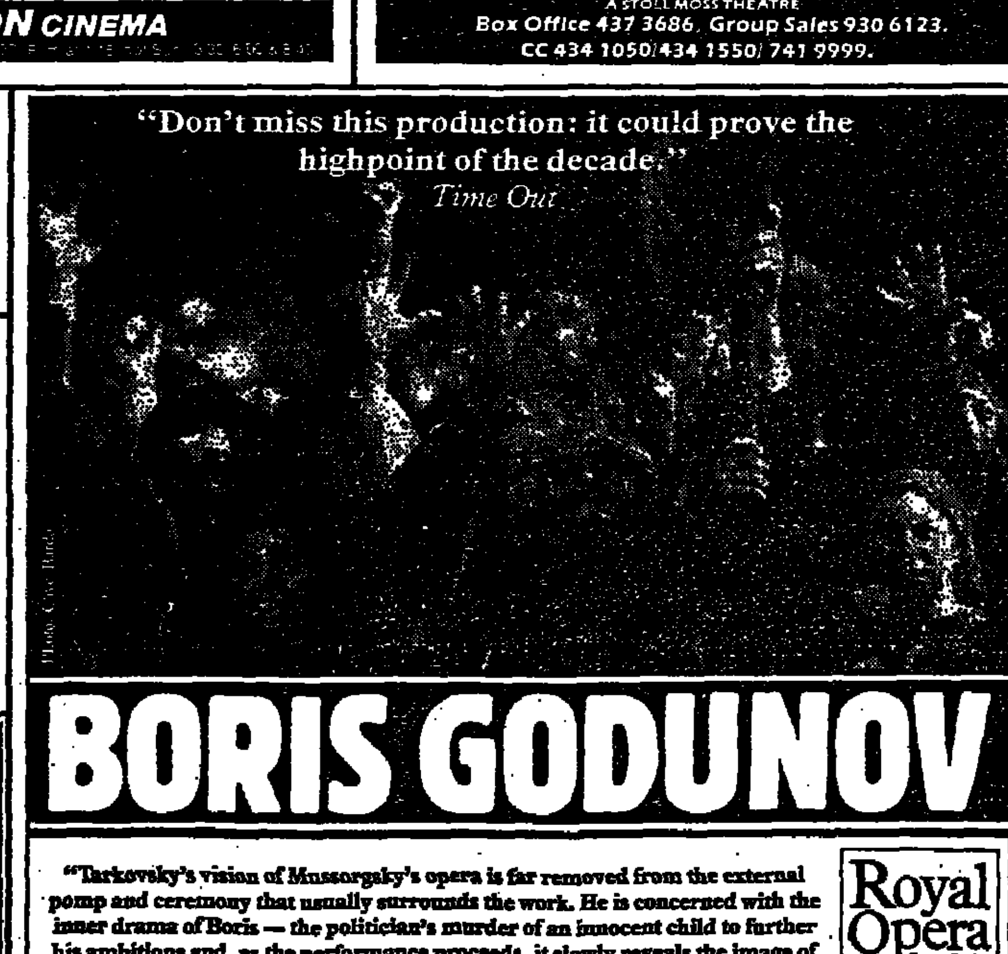


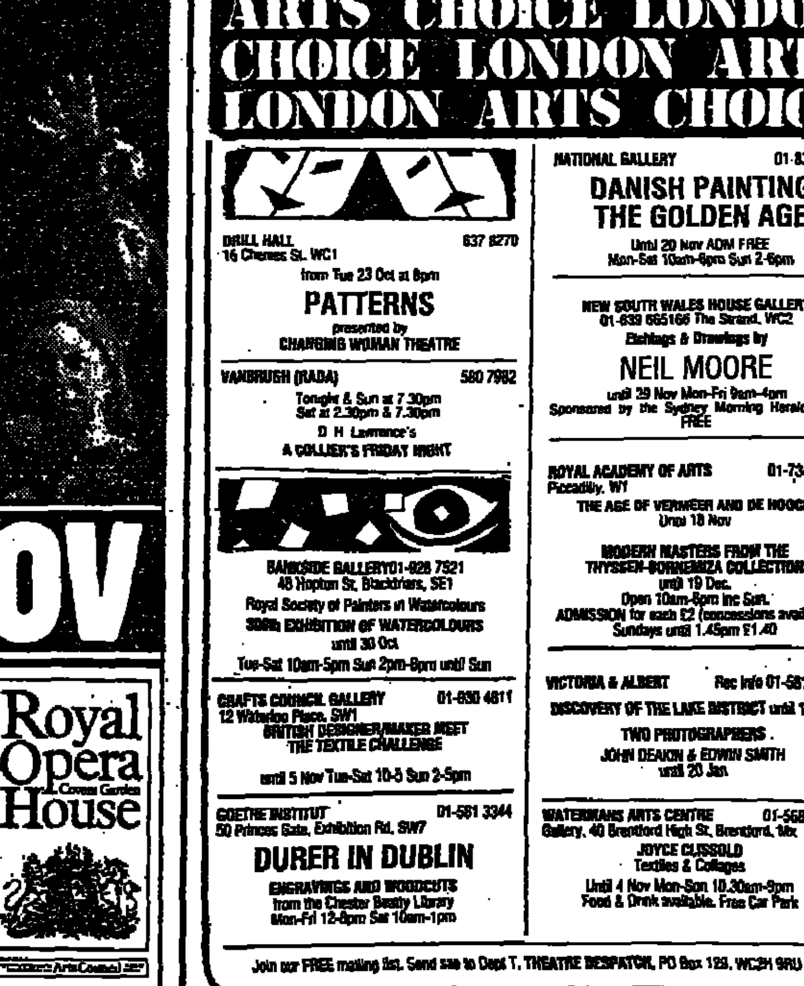


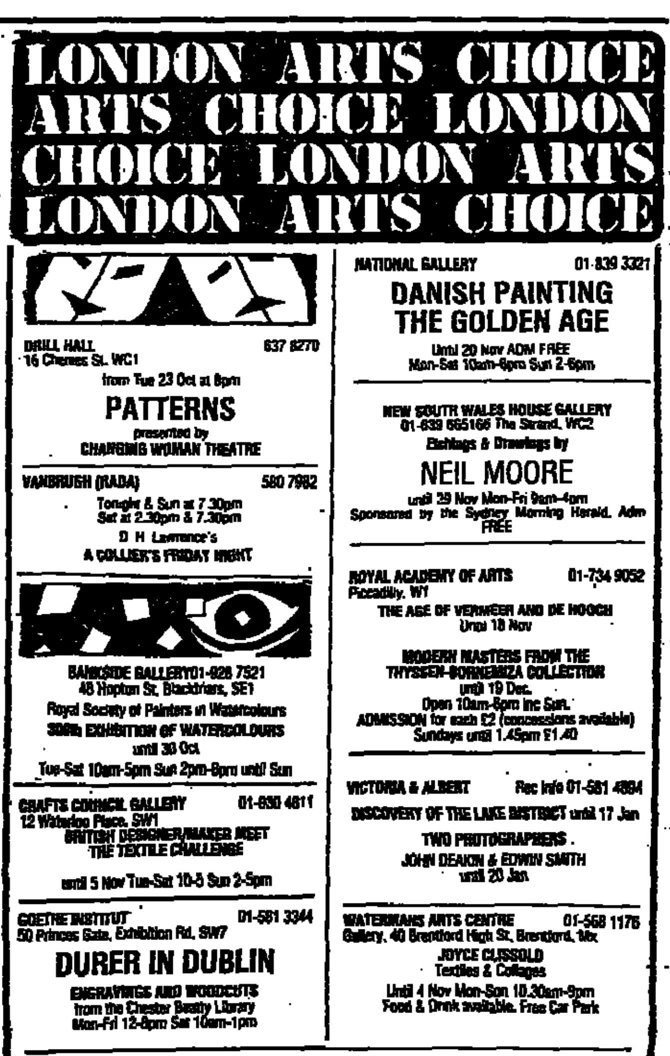
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Wisard idea -poor execution

Piers Burnett traces the story of how the development of a world-beating British 'thinking' machine has been hampered by bureaucratic prejudice despite a promise from the Government to bring inventive academics and the market place much closer together



Suresh Karadia

A man and a machine: Professor Aleksander in the laboratory at Brunel with some of his equipment

To see the wonderful Wizard of Oz, Dorothy followed the yellow brick road to Emerald City. The Uxbridge Road is less romantic and the bleak concrete campus of Brunel University less exotic, but the privileged visitor who presses on to journey's end will meet a very remarkable wizard indeed.

This wizard, more properly, WISARD – an acronym for Wilkie, Stonham and Aleksander's Recognition Device – is a machine built out of elements with logical functions equivalent to those of nerve cells, or neurons. In pure research it will be invaluable in finding out more about our own brains. In a world where there is an increasing demand for machines which can take over tasks previously performed by people, it will find many practical uses. These range from robot vision systems to speech-driven word-processors.

The idea of such a machine – an artificial neural net – had intrigued mathematicians and engineers for the past 35 years, but the difficulty was that there seemed to be no practical means of constructing large numbers of artificial neurons. The answer was spotted in the mid-1960s by Igor Aleksander, then a lecturer in his 20s at Queen Mary College, London.

Artificial neurons, he realized, were already available in the shape of the RAM (Random Access Memory) elements which provide a computer's electronic memory. If RAMs were connected to an input, and to each other in a certain way, they would perform logical functions similar to neurons.

'Universities think it is wrong to make money out of their work'

It took some 15 years of patient research and experiment before Professor Aleksander, who had by then moved via the University of Kent to the chair of electrical engineering at Brunel, was able to translate his idea into practice. The main cause of the long delay was that it was only fairly recently that the silicon revolution advanced to the point at which RAM chips became available "off the shelf" at a price which made it feasible to build a machine like Wisard which contains tens of thousands of them. Therefore it was 1979 before Professor Aleksander could start work on Wisard itself with the help of his colleague, Tom Stonham, and Bruce Wilkie, who was brought in to engineer the machine.

Wisard amply fulfilled expectations. A measure of its talents can be gained from one of its "party tricks" which it performed at a recent Royal Society conference. Having been "trained" by Professor Aleksander – who appeared before its television "eye" to demonstrate a smile and a frown – Wisard then inspected the distinguished features of a succession of Fellows and told them whether they were looking cheerful or dismayed. It could equally well, given a different course of instruction, have learned to recognize the individual scientists and to distinguish one from another other.

It may seem trivial but in computer technology terms it is truly remarkable. Facial expressions and identities represent probably the most complex and subtle set of visual images with which we cope. Distinguishing between them is beyond the wildest dreams of those who work with orthodox computers.

To "learn" what an individual looks like, Wisard is shown the face "live", with changing attitude and expression, and as a result forms a generalized "mental image" of the features which enables it to recognize them again, even if they are seen from an unfamiliar angle or with a different expression.

It learns and responds as fast as a human counterpart, but most remarkable of all, unlike that of an orthodox computer, Wisard's intelligence is a function of its construction, not its programming. The only instruction given to the machine is applied by pressing a "teach" button which causes it to "learn" the image presented to it.

As automation advances in factories and offices there will be a growing need for machines with Wisard-like skills.

Since 1979 companies including Barclays Bank and Glaxo have been sending their own experts to work with the Brunel team to see if they could use the new techniques, but like all academic researchers whose work was funded by the Science and Engineering Research Council, Professor Aleksander was not free to dispose of the results. Until Mrs Thatcher announced a change in the rules a year ago, the British Technology Group (BTG) had the exclusive right to license the commercial exploitation of such publicly funded research.

BTG licensed the industrial rights in Wisard to Computer Recognition Systems (CRS), a relatively new company, started by a group of executives from Thorn-EMI. Having convinced themselves of the potential of Wisard, CRS raised more than £100,000 in venture capital to re-engineer the prototype into production form, transforming it from the size of two filing cabinets into a neat 19 x 10 x 20-inch box.

So far, the history of Wisard is almost a copybook example of what everyone is agreed should happen. Here was an exciting British reseach project, carried through thanks to the farsighted support of the Department of Education and Science, which, via the SERC, provided £220,000 to fund Wisard and its predecessors. Having reached the point at which commercial exploitation became feasible, the work was licensed by the Department of Trade and Industry through BTG.

Igor Aleksander obviously wanted to build on his success and even before the agreement with CRS was signed, was planning the next stage. A start will be made on "teaching" the machine to use language in order to label or describe what it sees; then, it will be equipped with a "window" which it will learn to move about its field of vision to concentrate on significant objects or features in the way people do.

CRS was enthusiastic about future prospects. Indeed the firm had insisted that its contract with BTG should give it an exclusive right to the "know-how" arising from further research at Brunel.

Professor Aleksander needed further funding to pursue this next stage of his research and had every reason to expect that it would be forthcoming, yet as he filled in his SERC application form in April 1983 he knew that far-reaching changes were imminent.

Some six months earlier the Committee on Advanced Information Technology chaired by John Alvey, British Telecom's Senior Technology Director, had proposed an ambitious five-year programme of research in the shape of a collaborative effort by industry, government and universities to meet the challenge presented by Japan's "Fifth Generation Programme", designed to catapult them to world leadership in information technology by the 1990s.

It was not difficult to predict that the Japanese challenge would be met and matched by the United States and in such a battle British industry could be an early casualty. The vital factor in meeting this challenge was the organization, funding and direction of research – the vital raw material without which nothing can succeed.

The Government accepted the report and set up the Alvey Directorate within the DTI with a £350m budget, of which £300m is to be spent in industry. The Department of Industry and the Ministry of Defence will provide £150m which will be matched by the participating firms. The remaining £50m will come entirely from the Government and will go to the universities.

These funding arrangements, coupled with the directorate's emphasis on collaboration between industry and universities, effectively mean that the involvement of one or more of the large companies is required before any major research project can secure Alvey support.

There can be no doubt that it is a deliberate attempt to force academic researchers to submit to the disciplines of an industrial market, in practice a market made up of a few large companies. Patrick Jenkin, when announcing the Alvey programme to the Commons as Secretary of State for Industry, put the underlying rationale bluntly enough: "There has grown up in the universities of this country the unfortunate belief that to make money out of their work is somehow wrong."

Few would deny that, especially when compared with the United States, the British IT industry has a lamentable record for exploiting the work done in universities. So, like most other academics, Igor Aleksander was a supporter of the Alvey Report. As a researcher and head of a university department intimately concerned with information technology, he had better cause than most to appreciate just how rapidly Britain was falling behind and how great were the dangers. His experience with Alvey, therefore, came as a disappointment.

One of the main worries about the Alvey programme centres upon its likely effect upon the new, small, rapidly expanding companies which might be expected to flourish in a field like IT in which the capacity to take a gamble or seize an opportunity is crucial.

The examples of Apple Computers in the US, or Sinclair and Acorn in Britain, illustrate the point. Such firms apparently see little in Alvey for them: at best they see it as a welcome demonstration that the Government recognizes the need to do something. They point with disdain to the record of the major firms: in the words of one of their most successful managing-directors, it is one of "unbroken mediocrity". They fear that collaboration with their big brothers will inevitably operate to their disadvantage.

Professor Aleksander's application for a new grant was at first turned down by SERC, then reviewed, and resubmitted on a lower scale before being passed to the Alvey Directorate by now installed in the Department of Industry offices at Millbank Tower.

It was only after Professor Aleksander had made a direct approach to Mr Brian Oakley, the director, that Alvey agreed to provide funding for the first year of the three-year programme. The directorate agreed that during this interim period CRS should monitor the work, but further funding to cover the remainder of the programme will only be forthcoming from Alvey if the team at Brunel finds a "proper" industrial partner.

Professor Aleksander's immediate reaction was to point out that he already had an industrial partner – one who not only had a license to exploit his existing work, but had also been given a contractual right to the "know-how" arising from the research he was now proposing. The official response from Alvey was that this was not their problem.

One way or another, Igor Aleksander is confident that the next stage of the Wisard research will get done, "even if I have to simulate the whole thing on my son's ZX81".

He is encouraged by the fact that the commercial version of the machine, launched by CRS at the recent Machine Intelligence exhibition in London, is already attracting interest and orders on a substantial scale.

Alvey's task is to 'isolate, encourage and support the maverick'

A new funding application, this time for a collaborative effort between Brunel and Imperial College London, where Professor Aleksander has just moved into the newly created Kobler Chair in the Management of Information Technology, has just been put to the Alvey Directorate.

But the issue that worries Professor Aleksander, and a growing body of opinion in the IT community, is whether the Alvey programme, guided by the priorities and requirements of the big companies, is an effective mechanism for, in the words of the original report "safeguarding the future of the Information Technology in Britain".

Ian Stewart Lloyd, the chairman of the Commons subcommittee on technological innovation, says Alvey's most important task is to "isolate, encourage and support the maverick".

The brief, dramatic history of Information Technology, worked by a series of sudden technological innovations and the rapid emergence and growth of new ideas and businesses, suggests that this analysis is correct.

Judging by Professor Aleksander's experience, however, it is not one that finds much favour in the Alvey Directorate.

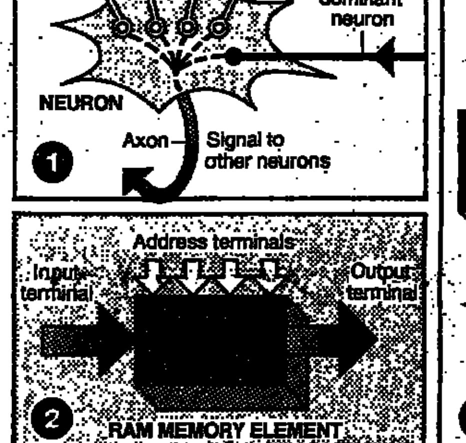
In the machine that can spot a smile

THE NERVE CELL
Nature's logic

1 This, highly simplified, diagram of a single nerve cell or neuron shows connections, called synapses, through which it receives electrical pulse signals from other neurons. There is also a dominant synapse.

● Whether or not the neuron "fires", transmitting a burst or pulses to other neurons via its axon, is determined by the message, or pattern of signals, it receives at its synapses.

● Some messages will cause it to fire, others prevent it from firing. The dominant neuron is able to "teach" the cell to fire in response to new messages.



John Grimwade

SILICON NEURON
Electronic logic

2 A Random Access Memory element can be thought of as a set of 16 electronic pigeon-holes, each labelled with an address made up of four bits of information (1s or 0s). If one pigeon-hole is "addressed", by inputting a four-bit signal, say 1001, at the address terminals while simultaneously inputting one bit of data (say a 1) at the input terminal, then the element will store 1 at address 1001. If the same pigeon-hole is then re-addressed it will output a 1.

● In Wisard the terminals' function is reversed. The data, now four bits of information, goes to the address terminals. The input terminal is used to teach the element a new function. If the data consists of the pattern 1001, the element "learns" it by storing a 1 at that address. It signals its recognition by outputting a 1 when the pattern recurs.

A NEURAL NET
Bits of the picture

3 This diagram shows a set of four RAM elements connected to a screen containing 16 pixels, or picture points, each of which is black or white; a black pixel is encoded as 1, a white one as a 0. (In practice, the elements are connected to a special purpose piece of memory equipment called a "framestore" which holds the binary information produced by one scan of the television camera for a fraction of a second.)

● Wisard operates on an image containing about a quarter of a million pixels, which can be grey as well as plain black and white, but the principle is the same. Each RAM thus recognizes a small proportion of the total image, made up in practice of a randomly chosen group of pixels drawn from all parts of the picture. The machine's recognition of an image, its judgement of how "like" a learned image it is, is measured by the number of RAMs which fire or output a 1.

● This system's most important feature is its ability to generalize. It will never give a 100 per cent response (all RAMs firing) as interference always distorts some of the information. But it will respond with a high degree of confidence to images which are "like" but not the same as, a learned image. It will recognize a "familiar" face, even if it is seen from an angle or in a way that makes it different from the originally learnt image.

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2 Hebrew bushel (5)
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6 Loom (5)
7 Fox (7)
13 Tea maker (3)
15 Copy (7)
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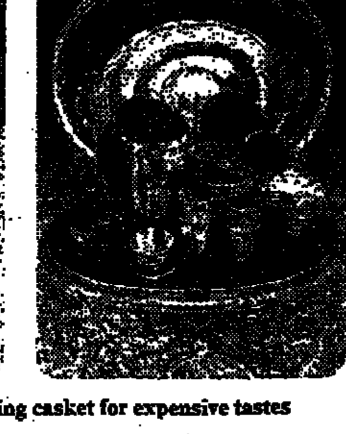
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Race against time for a princely prize





Precious cutlery: A hunting casket for expensive tastes

The romance of the 1745 Rebellion still echoes down the centuries, the daring bid by the handsome young Prince Charles Edward Stuart to wrest the crowns of Scotland and England from his distant cousins of the House of Hanover. His lack of support south of the border doomed the campaign to failure but it was at the battle of Culloden, near Inverness, that he sustained the final crushing defeat and had to fly for his life.

The young prince's baggage wagon, according to a contemporary account, was left "on the high road abandoned by every person" while still containing priceless personal dress and silver plate. A ravishing little silver casket containing silver-gilt beakers, knives, forks and other implements for a picnic is believed to have been found among the baggage by the Duke of Cumberland, commander of the British forces, and given by him later in the day to his aide-de-camp, Viscount Bury.

The little casket, or canteen as such a piece is properly called, was recently sold to an American collector by a London silver dealer but an export license has been withheld for three months to give Scotland the chance to match the price and keep the precious memento.

The price at which it was to leave for America was £175,000 but the dealer, whose identity has not been disclosed, has agreed to cut the price to £145,000 to Scotland. With only three weeks left to raise money in the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland has achieved over half the purchase price. The first month of the appeal brought more than 170 separate contributions – with two latter day members of the House of Hanover included among the donors, Prince Charles and the Queen Mother. Nevertheless, as the museum rather desperately puts it: "£60,000 is still needed urgently by midnight on Friday, November 9."

In terms of design the canteen is a great rarity. Very little rococo silver was made in Scotland and this very fine piece bears the mark of the Edinburgh goldsmith Ebenezer Oliphant and the date mark for 1740-41. He was a most suitable choice of craftsman, coming from a Jacobite family. His elder brother Laurence, sixth Laird of Gask, and his nephew, another Laurence, were out with the Prince during the 1745 Rebellion and the younger Laurence became the prince's aide-de-camp.

That the canteen was given to Viscount Bury, later third Earl of Albemarle, on the field of Culloden is known only from an oral tradition in the Albemarle family, in whose possession it remained until 1963 – when it was sold at Christie's for £7,200. It was bought by a Scottish collector, the Hon Alan Mackay of Enterkine.

Contemporary accounts, however, confirm the link with Bonnie Prince Charlie. The master of the Prince's household, one James Gib, records a "hunting equipage" left behind in a hamper of table linen and silver in the covered waggon that was taken by the enemy at Culloden. The Prince's "hunting equipage" was then contained in a shagreen case, he tells us, and comprised "Silver goblets, doubly gilt, going into one another, two knives, two forks, and two spoons, all silver and doubly gilt." He forgot to mention the little marrow scoop and cruet, but the description is too close to doubt. Moreover, "Mr Gib regrets the loss of the hunting equipage more than that of all the rest, for he says it was one of the most curious things he had ever seen in any place. The Prince brought it with him from France."

No record survives of how the Prince came by it. The most likely explanation is that it was a twenty-first birthday present from the Jacobite Association in Scotland. There was considerable coming and going between Scotland and the exiled court in Rome in the early 1740s. A "hunting equipage" would have been a very appropriate present.

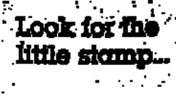
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Hooked on hospital

TRUE FALSE

In recent years Britain's paediatricians have come to recognize a new and disturbing form of child abuse and a new group of mothers and children who need help. Some mothers, it seems, claim their children are sick when they are not. Some actually make their children ill.

The condition has been named Munchausen syndrome by proxy after Munchausen syndrome, an adult form of "hospital addiction". It was first spotted seven years ago by Professor Roy Meadow, consultant paediatrician at St James's University Hospital in Leeds.

There, a little girl named Kay came under the professor's care. Kay had already been through hundreds of investigations and had been given many potentially toxic drugs for a suspected bladder problem, all to no avail, when Professor Meadow set out once again to try to find out what was wrong with her. Then the penny dropped. Kay was fine. Her mother's account of her illness was false.

Since then Professor Meadow has either dealt with or heard of more than 90 similar cases in the UK and now knows the consequences to be horrifying.

One little boy had brain surgery as doctors tried to explain his "symptoms" and another had over 180 blood tests. Victims can spend months in hospital and be made genuinely ill by treatment given by doctors in good faith.

Just why a mother should lie in this way is not always clear. She may be over-concerned for her child's health and lie to ensure he gets attention; a few have Munchausen syndrome themselves. Others are reluctant to let their children grow up, or revel in the kindness and attention of the children's ward or recognize that a sick child is a "first-class ticket" to financial and supportive help for the family in trouble, says the professor.

Somehow it seems they are able to shut out the idea that the child could be hurt as a result.

Professor Meadow advises any woman in this position to seek the help of the person caring for her child. Mothers helped to realize that they can make friends and get support without hurting their child have been able to stop the lies and look after their family happily.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Use your head

The Metropolitan Police have taken a tip from the riding fraternity and introduced better protective helmets for mounted officers, as pictured.

Its a pity more riding enthusiasts don't follow the advice. Nearly 70 per cent of riders who fall sustain head injuries. If they all wore adequate head-gear the figure could be cut to 15 per cent.

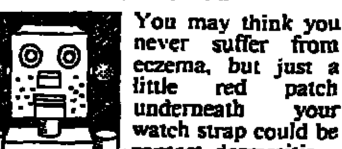
Jockey Club medical consultant Dr Michael Allen insists that all riders – whether on weekend hack or in the National Hunt – need a hard hat with an adjustable chin strap to stop it falling off.

Anyone racing in a competitive setting, amateur or professional, should wear a jockey's skull cap, recommended version BSI 4472. At £27 to £37 this is more expensive than other riding hats but is the only design which will offer real protection at speed. And for those who prefer a more conventional look Christy Beaufort and Charles Owen are incorporating the skull cap design into traditional hard-hat style.

For weekend riding and show-jumping Dr Allen recommends the new pony and horse hat, BSI 6473.



Skin troubles



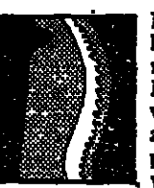
You may think you never suffer from eczema, but just a little red patch underneath your watch strap could be contact dermatitis – which is allergic eczema. The list of substances which can cause this type of skin trouble is endless. It is the nickel in watch straps, jean studs, cheap ear-rings, zips, car handles and even coins in trouser pockets which may lead to angry rashes. At least 10 per cent of the population are allergic to the metal.

Some ingredients in perfumes, preservatives in make-up can cause eczema. Men working in the building trade who come into contact with chromium salts in cement can also be badly afflicted. This type of eczema can be particularly nasty because if the culprit is not isolatd quickly it can stay for years.

Some of these reactions are rare, but many more people are allergic to the epoxy-resin chemicals found in adhesives and glues. Other chemicals found in rubber gloves and insoles can cause problems, while car mechanics can suffer if they touch heavy rubber tyres.

Even innocent and common plants can inflame the skin: Primula obconica, cinerarias and chrysanthemums. One Japanese woman suffered terrible problems after tending an orchid.

Back to backs



Mrs Margaret Tebbit's terrible injuries resulting from the Brighton bombing a week ago draws attention to the plight of all people who suffer spinal damage. Every year about 300 people severely injure their backs. Newspaper reports can be misleading. We tend to read only about the dramatic cases – hunting or hang-gliding accidents – although according to one consultant in spinal injuries at Stoke Mandeville Hospital 50 per cent of all victims have been involved in road accidents. The rest are industrial accidents and sports injuries.

A sudden, violent jerk of the head – backwards, forwards or rotated – may break the neck, which is also vulnerable to intense compression of the head. Compression accounts for 50 per cent of cases. Breaks further down the spine depend on the point of impact.

If the neck is broken and the spinal cord, which carries the body's nervous system, is damaged, the person may be paralysed in all four limbs. Damage further down – in the middle of the chest or below – will leave the upper body with movement and feeling.

Doctors can often tell the extent of the damage within 48 hours, but it may take six to eight weeks for the initial judgment to be confirmed. As one specialist at the spinal unit in Owestry pointed out, no two cases are the same. The outcome will depend on many factors – age motivation and the person's shape all play their part.

Patients who have spinal damage go through a period of bereavement. They often cannot absorb all the implications for a number of weeks, and grieve for the loss of physical independence.

Between six and ten weeks after the accident patients first get out of bed. After a few days of euphoria their morale reaches the nadir, mechanisms for keeping them upright will not be functioning properly, either because they are damaged or because the body has forgotten how to use them and they feel dreadful, sick and faint. They cannot walk away from their chairs, and they are at their most helpless.

So begins the long, slow haul – perhaps over two years – to maximum recovery.

Olivia Timbs and Lorraine Fraser

Suzuki children tune into the new way of music

Three-year-olds are learning the violin by methods once thought eccentric – Alan Franks reports

There was a time when the name Suzuki conjured up nothing but the sound of a Japanese motor cycle. Today it is just as likely to denote the rather higher pitch of tiny violins being played *en masse* by improbably young children.

If you pass a classroom or hall where a Suzuki lesson is in progress, you are likely to hear the keening of a repeated cadence, punctuated by pauses and the example of an adult bow.

If you stop and listen more closely you might detect, not the simple shapes of a nursery rhyme, but the melody lines of Bach and Vivaldi. Put your head through the door and you will see a group of children, some as young as three, aping one another in unison.

They may be walking round in a circle, one behind the other, they may be bowing low with the polite formality of judo wrestlers. Whatever they are up to, they will be under the close scrutiny of their own senior colleagues – their mothers.

For this is one of the principles at the heart of the Suzuki method – that the family is a more resourceful unit than the classroom when it comes to early musical instruction.

The mother (yes, there *are* fathers who attend, but conventional patterns of work make them a minority) will have a small violin of her own, and will have spent several hours of the past week practising with her child. Some mothers will have brought two children to the class, the elder of whom will, whether wittingly or not, already be acting as a teacher to the younger.

A year ago when the eponymous Dr Shinichi Suzuki, now 85, visited Britain, it was estimated that there were roughly 500 children learning the full method here, a further 1,000 studying under partly trained teachers, and about 4,000 studying some of the method.

There are many reasons for Suzuki's growing popularity. First, and perhaps most important, the method has been in use here, albeit in small pockets of pioneers, for more than a decade, so that it is already possible to gauge its benefits in pupils who have now reached adolescence.

Second, any educational movement which starts life at the eccentric edges of the spectrum takes time to gather momentum. In Suzuki's own country the number of students or ex-students of the method is an astonishing 500,000.

When Suzuki started teaching, half a century ago, there was just one symphony orchestra in the whole of Japan. Today there is at least one in every big city, and Tokyo boasts seven.

Third, there is a widespread view among parents in their thirties and forties that their own musical education was badly neglected, and that they must grab the earliest chance of making good the deficit one generation down.

This seems particularly true among the middle classes: the more honest, or self-critical ones admit to a competitive urge, for now that the home and family are seen as vital parts of the primary teaching process, parents can be made to feel guilty as never before about their own children's level of performance.

As with the home computer, so to a lesser extent, with the Suzuki violin.

Finally, it would be wrong to discount the effect made by Suzuki himself during his visit. Looking 20 years younger than his age, and with a beatific expression animating his face, he conducted from the piano 500 young violinists in a programme ranging from variations on *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* to Bach's double violin concerto.

The sound and the spectacle at that north London school were quite electrifying, as was his restatement of the belief that, given the right guidance at home, a child who starts a string instrument at the age of three can perform a concerto at six.

Even a few years ago the claim seemed as immoderate as those made in press advertisements for baldness cures or memory courses, yet now the weight of evidence is strongly in Suzuki's favour.

In the late 1970s a local investigation in Hertfordshire by the Rural Music Schools Association concluded that the method could, with certain modifications, be adapted to fit in with English conditions; the beginnings of respectability for Suzuki can be traced back to the report that followed.

The cornerstone of the technique – an emphasis on aural learning – has made some conventional teachers sceptical. They cannot support the relegation of sight-reading to secondary importance, nor the insistence on perfecting every small skill before advancing.

Peter Addis



How to avoid that terrible scraping: first, the stance . . .



. . . then the bow-hold: 'We have a particularly strong one' . . .



. . . finally, the stroke: Suzuki teaches beginners short strokes

Suzuki's disciples – he commands an almost religious reverence – argue that a small child learning to speak would not have to learn to read; he simply hears the cadences of the spoken word, the variety of pitches in the utterance of a sentence, and the process of imitation begins.

The same is essentially true for music, and "tone deafness" is almost always a screen behind which adults hide.

Many Suzuki teachers favour working in small groups of about four children. They believe such a unit avoids both the impersonality of large classes and the inhibiting effects of one-to-one tuition. The aim is not only for the pupils to help one another, but also to have their own built-in audience, small but sympathetic.

A recurring theme among the parents of Suzuki-taught children is the surprise at how "shy" ones soon begin to perform for a group of listeners.

Yet for all Suzuki's claims for the natural talents of the very young, this is no wonder-method. It is not uncommon to find mothers putting in three hours a day with their children at home, leading them through a passage of music until it becomes second nature.

Particularly for parents who never learnt the violin in their own youth, the education can be as intense as for their children. Moreover, the mother knows that if *she* herself drops out, she will be doing the same thing to her child.

Not surprisingly the 10-year-old London Suzuki Group tries to give prospective pupils a thorough warning about the dangers, and positively to discourage the uncommitted.

In his book, *Education From Age Zero*, Suzuki argues that as babies are clearly taking things in from the day they are born, it is perfectly logical to make music part of their "diet".

One teacher of the Suzuki method, Andrew Rankin, of Haywards Heath, Sussex, describes how in his "cradle project" mothers are asked to let their babies hear a given piece of Vivaldi for five minutes every day for three months.

"Whereas, at the start of this period the baby has merely been listening intently", he says, "by the end, there is a sort of conducting going on. He has become sufficiently familiar with the piece to be moving his limbs to the rhythms.

"Conducting *is* the word for it. Now, if you deliberately sang out of tune, you would quite soon be programming that baby to sing out of tune as well."

The method lays great importance on the bow-hold, considering it to be the foundation on which tone production can be built. It also teaches short strokes in the initial stages, which reduces the terrible scraping of most beginners.

"The finest thing in music is that production of a beautiful sound", says Rankin, "and that is based upon technique. We have a special bow-hold in Suzuki, a particularly strong one, which we build up to in three stages.

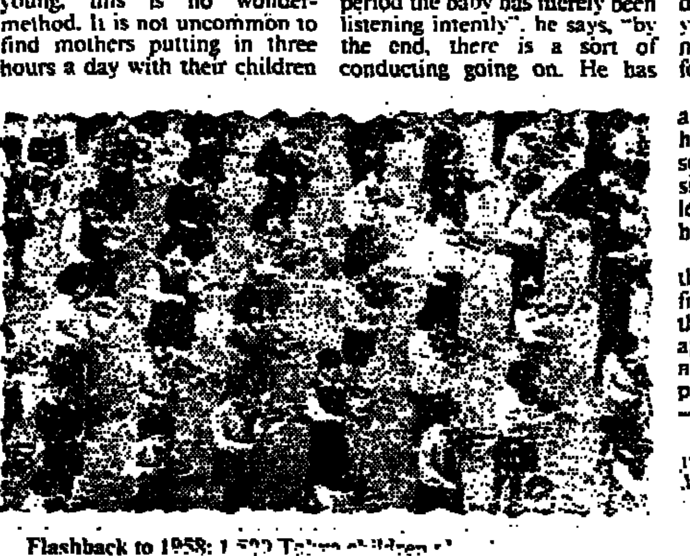
"It is very unlike those elegant drooping arm movements that one sees in Paganini prints and which can produce unstrong holds.

"When I start teaching a child, I start with the stance, make sure the weight is distributed properly, and that you have that straight line – nose, bridge, elbow, knee, left foot."

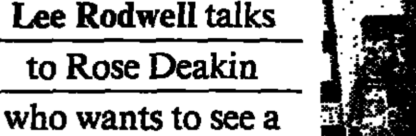
Suzuki lessons are not cheap, averaging about £5 for half an hour and £10 per term for group sessions. The first violin, a one-sixteenth size, is unlikely to cost less than £50, or £35 for a year's hire.

Parents with an aversion to the fiddle can take comfort from the fact that principles of the method are now being applied to other instruments, notably the flute, cello and piano.

Details of Suzuki classes in your area can be obtained from Mrs Pauline Whitehouse, Brit- [illegible]



Flashback to 1958: 1,5?? Tokyo children [illegible]



Lee Rodwell talks to Rose Deakin who wants to see a sexual revolution shake up the world of computers overwhelmingly dominated by men



Rose Deakin: From social worker to micro expert

A woman's place is with her micro

Rose Deakin used to be a social worker. Now, at 46, she is a sales consultant for a computer microsystems company, a rarity in what is generally considered to be a young man's world.

Rose, however, wants to change all that. Her own experiences, and those of other women who have also made new careers for themselves using computers, have convinced her that micros offer women a golden opportunity.

She argues that microcomputing can be done from home – perfect for women with a small family. It can be learnt as a new skill – ideal for women wanting to return to full-time employment. It does not require mathematical genius ("I am not, was not and never shall be good at maths"). In fact, the traditionally female skills of communicating with other people, understanding and empathizing with their problems are far more important.

So why are so few women taking up the challenge? Why do most women's eyes glaze over when they hear the very word computer?

Fewer than 7,000 girls took computer O levels in 1981, compared with 15,000 boys, and a 1982 study on home computer use carried out for the advertising agency, Young and Rubicam, showed that 88 per cent of main users were male.

Rose says forcefully: "The whole idea that women are illogical and can't use machines is rubbish. But there are characteristics in women themselves, which, linked with the way computers are generally presented and thought of, make for a predisposition to reject the whole subject.

"Computers appeal to men in the abstract way collecting things does. How many girls do you know who have a stamp collection?

"I went to a boys' school when I was 10. I was amazed to find that they spent all their spare time writing down cricket scores for matches played in past years and learning them off by heart. No female I've ever met would think that was a natural thing to do."

However, Rose believes there *are* ways to make computers more attractive to women. In schools, for example, programming could be developed as a general mind-training subject as Latin used to be.

Computing should be taught as the fourth R, introduced in the early years as a separate subject and later used in every subject.

These ideas are explored more fully in Rose's new book *Women and Computing**. The main point of the book, however, is not to ask why women are not interested in computers, but to show how computers might be of use to them.

She lists a variety of jobs which could be done by a woman working from home with a microcomputer – from word-processing to indexing and research.

Rose herself had an unorthodox entry into the world of computers. She is married to a professor of social policy at Birmingham University and worked part-time while her children – now aged 19, 17, and 13 – were growing up.

Eventually, she was employed to transfer on to a mainframe computer data collected for a survey.

Various wrangles took place and Rose resigned. Unable to find a job in social research she realized that she had actually liked working with a computer – despite all the headaches.

Friends suggested that instead of trying to enter traditional mainframe computing, she should go into micros, a relatively new field in which no one would be expected to have 20 years' experience. Rose found herself spending quite a lot of time in the showroom of the company where she bought her computer.

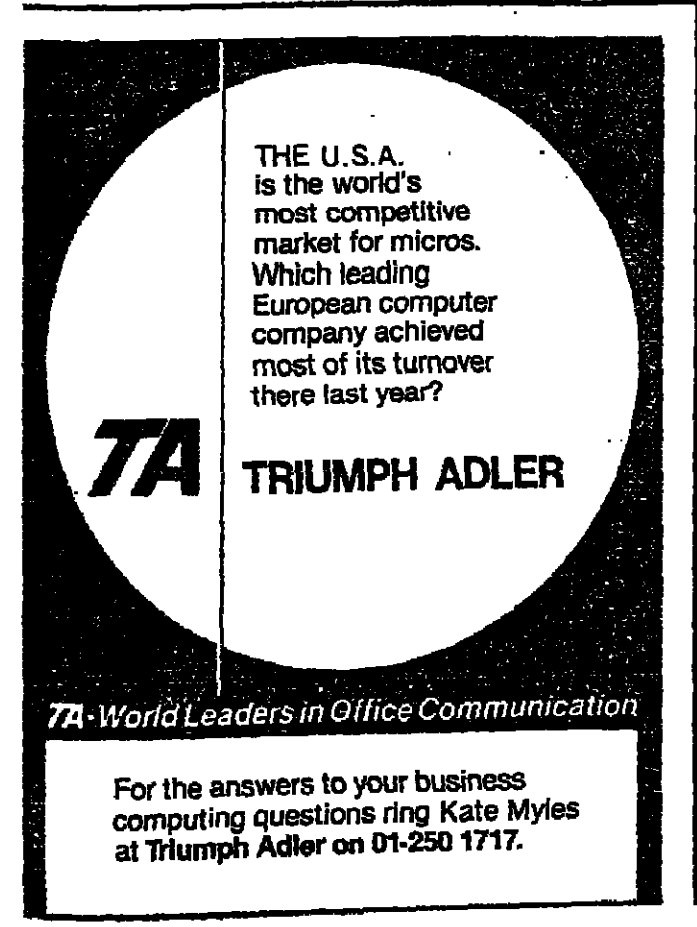
She said: "I had constant problems and was always going to them for help with all kinds of things, including programming. I criticized the manuals they produced and explained what I was trying to do.

"They saw that my concern for the customer was a useful way of approaching sales and marketing – and they needed someone to organize a software list for them. So precisely a year after I had first walked into their shop they offered me a job."

Rose's message to women thinking of a computer career is not to dilly-dally too long. She points out: "At the moment, women can break into microcomputing with few qualifications and little experience. Such a situation never lasts long. Soon the schools and the right training courses will be producing enough people to take on the challenge of computing.

"Unorthodox entries will then be less easy. Women will not have a scarcity value in the industry. The road to success and interesting jobs will be a stonier one."

*Women and Computing, The Golden Opportunity, *by Rose Deakin, is published tomorrow by Papermac, £5.95.*







THE TIMES DIARY

Benn the bomb?

Tony Benn's decision to stand in next week's shadow cabinet elections puts Neil Kinnock on the spot. The Labour leader faces the awful prospect, if Benn is successful, of having to make him his defence spokesman. Benn – an unconditional unilateralist who wants all American bases on British soil closed down and British troops withdrawn from Ulster – has more cabinet and government experience than any colleague except Denis Healey. Tradition suggests that he would therefore have to be offered a senior portfolio, and only one is now free. Barring a major reshuffle of a still fresh team, Kinnock would have little choice but to give him defence – recently vacated by, right-winger John Silkin.

● Security at the House of Commons has not improved since the Brighton bomb. A Labour MP's research assistant tells me he walked in unhindered yesterday by flashing his London Transport photo pass.

Just flowing

Now we know the secret of Michael Heseltine's fiery rhetoric. Keith Hampson, his former PPS, explained in court yesterday that on the evening of May 3 he met friends in the Marquis of Granby pub in Smith Square and drank "what we called 'Brain Damage' – that is draught Bass. There were five of us and we had a round each". Thus fortified, the jury heard, Dr Hampson left the pub and went back to work on a Heseltine speech.

Cowardy mustard

A riposte has finally emerged to two scathing attacks by Graham Greene on Noel Coward's work which the *Spectator* published in 1941. Eleven years after Coward's death, Methuen are to publish his *Collected Verse* containing the hitherto unknown *Ballad of Graham Greene*: "Was ever a mind so mean / That could have vented – so shrilly vented / Such quantities of spleen... Oh there's many a bitter smile my boys / And many sneer obscene / When any critic – a first rate critic / Becomes a 'Might have been' / Through being as harsh as Jesuitic / As Mr Graham Greene." Strangely, after such polemic, the two later became friends, and Coward appeared in the 1959 film of *Our Man In Havana*.

Fine print

To shouts of "scab" and "bitch" on Tuesday night, brown and purple paint bombs were hurled at the home of Irene McGibbon, the Kent working miner's wife who won a standing ovation from the Tory conference for condemning the strike. The attack, which Mrs McGibbon says left her eighteenth-century cottage looking like "a condemned slum", was not entirely unexpected. Last Saturday the communist *Morning Star* published an article which disparagingly described the launch of her Miners' Wives Back-to-Work Campaign, and continued: "Interested miners can contact her at...", giving her full address. Mrs McGibbon says she cannot recall any other national paper publishing an address right down to the number of the house, and she knows of no moderate miners who read the *Morning Star*. A complaint is on its way to the Press Council.

BARRY FANTONI



'Neville says he's just a shadow of his former cabinet'

Beknighted

James Mancham, president of the Seychelles until his overthrow in 1977, has taken out British citizenship – with odd ramifications. On Seychelles Independence Day in 1976 he received an honorary KBE, but only honorary as he belonged to a republic. Now, as a British citizen, he can apply to have his knighthood made substantive and become Sir James Mancham. So delighted was he when I told him this yesterday that he immediately asked for Downing Street's telephone number. But his change of citizenship also has its drawbacks. Expatriate Seychellois, members of Le Mouvement pour la Resistance, will demonstrate outside their High Commission in London today against the excesses of the government of Mancham's usurper, the socialist Albert René, but they will not – as in the past – call for Mancham's reinstatement. His change of citizenship is "an insult to our people," says MPR's leader Gerard Hoareau. "We can no longer recognize him as our head of state".

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The pound: 1976 and all that

by Sarah Hogg

No two economic dramas are ever the same. But yesterday the bells of coincidence began to ring rather loudly in London. Before lunch, as the Chancellor was editing his speech to the City, the pound's value against all other major currencies fell briefly to 74.2 on the Bank of England's trade-weighted index. That was precisely its closing value on the worst day of the Callaghan-Healey sterling crisis – October 28, 1976.

The pound's exchange rate against the dollar has long fallen below its lowest point in 1976. On that same October day eight years ago, sterling closed at $1.57, before rebounding 4½ cents the following morning. But, as the Chancellor never tires of reminding us, the dollar is today uniquely strong, buoyed up by the high interest rates necessary to finance the US federal deficit.

Hence the Treasury's valiant attempts to divert attention to sterling's trade-weighted value against a whole basket of currencies, renamed the "sterling index" and calculated more frequently, in an effort to oust the dollar exchange rate from star billing. But this week the sterling index has been plainly registering sterling's weakness too.

The index is, of course, still heavily influenced by the dollar, which makes up a quarter of its weight. So a new lodestar is emerging: sterling's exchange rate against Europe's most important currency. And here, as the charts show, 1984 does tell a different story: although the pound fell against the D-mark early in the year, for the past six months it has been oscillating around 3.80 D-marks. In 1976, it fell uniformly against the D-mark and the dollar.

Nevertheless, in the worst hours of yesterday, the pound plunged against the D-mark too. The causes are rather different from what they were in 1976.

Britain was then a textbook case for the International Monetary Fund. Government borrowing had reached a peak, in 1975-76, of 11½ per cent of gross national product. (By comparison, this year's IMF basket case – Argentina – is currently running a budget deficit of only about 7½ per cent). Britain's money supply was growing, during the summer, at an annual rate of over 20 per cent. There was a current account deficit on the balance of payments that at the time seemed enormous – though statisticians' subsequent revisions have made it clear that Britain was already swinging towards the surplus that would be generated by North Sea oil.

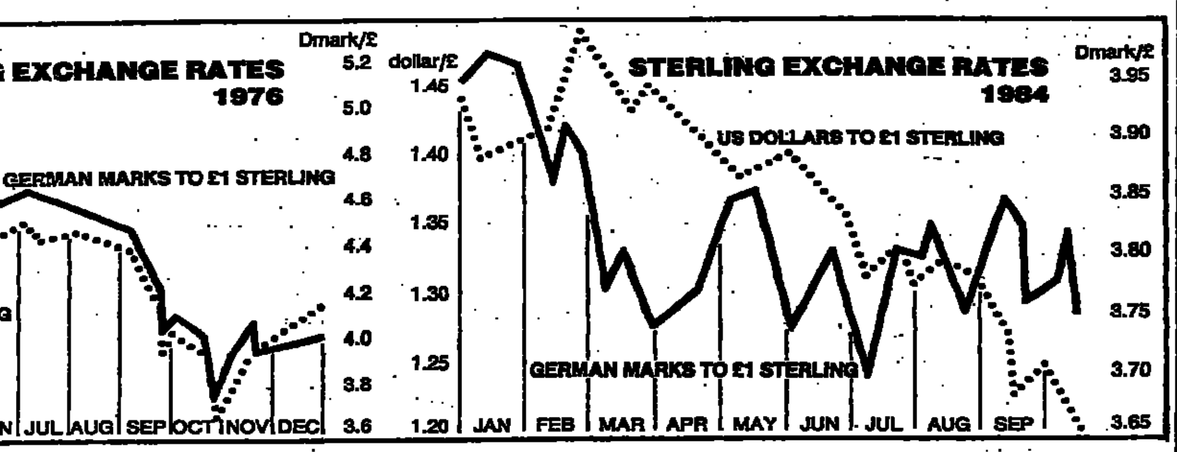
Whether or not the IMF's presciption was tailor-made for the economy as a whole, it certainly seemed to work wonders for the exchange rate. By the end of 1976, the pound was up to $1.70; by the end of Labour's rule, it was well over two dollars. Because the pound's recovery coincided not only with the development of North Sea oil but also with a bout of dollar weakness, it eventually rose to over $2.40.

Against the D-mark, sterling's rise was somewhat less meteoric. By the end of 1978, it stood at 3.71D-marks – much where it was yesterday morning. Between these two points, however, it did rise to over 4.80 D-marks in early 1981.

But why did sterling start to fall again? In 1981, because the British government, which realized it had screwed its monetary policy too tightly, had then cut interest rates. The exhange-rate pendulum began to swing in the other direction – and very welcome it was too. Then other forces combined to give it momentum. First, the emerging strength of the dollar. Then, in 1983-84, the weakness of oil prices. Added to that as the economy swung into deficit on manufactured trade were worries about Britain's ability to earn a living without oil. This year, the Bank of England stretched the elastic between British and American interest rates, in reflection of the Government's belief that weakness in Britain's economic recovery could be blamed not on budgetary policy but on unduly high interest rates. Lastly, darkening the whole picture, came the coal strike.

We have only seen act one of this particular economic drama. But two conclusions can be drawn. First, that just as in 1976, the markets seem to take a curiously short-sighted view of the oil market. In 1976, North Sea development was already well under way; yet the foreign exchange markets did not seem to discover Britain's oil bonus until a blinding revelation at the end of the year. In 1984, the weakness in the oil markets has been equally apparent for many months; yet the markets were still alarmed by news of a North Sea price cut.

But the second conclusion highlights a major difference between these two years. It is not only because of the almighty strength of the dollar that the pound has moved closer to the D-mark; it is because policy is, however slowly and half-heartedly, binding us closer to Europe. The financial markets recognize this; it is only when sterling weakens against the D-mark that they display widespread symptoms of anxiety. Does the Government accept this logic too?



Clifford Longley on the demolition of the brain-washing myth

So this is what makes a Moonie click

Fresh-faced, clean-cut – and searching for some real purpose in life

There is no belief so bizarre, no creed so incredible, that decent, intelligent, educated and sane individuals cannot be persuaded of its truth. This may be an unhappy fact about the human race, but to deny it is to shirk reality. Denying it, in fact, is the very mother and father of religious intolerance: it leads to the conclusion that if your beliefs are (to me) daft, there must be something wrong with you, and you need to be cured.

There is, on the face of it, nothing quite as daft as believing that a certain Korean clergyman is God's appointed Messiah whose divine mission is to usher in the Kingdom of Heaven by way of vanquishing communism. And it is not surprising that those who have not grasped my opening concept will jump quickly to the conclusion that those believers cannot be in their right minds. Those very people, called Moonies, were once known by friends and parents as particularly "ordinary, decent, intelligent, educated and sane."

Eileen Barker of the London School of Economics, who has played a sometimes controversial role in public controversies about the Moonies, has reached a conclusion even crueller than that. She set about to discover precisely what becoming a Moonie was all about, and it led her to the result that certain personality types are especially predisposed to accept the Unification Church on encountering it.

It has very little to do with "brain-washing," she concluded, but a great deal to do with the possession of qualities which, in other contexts, look respectable and desirable. In short, it appeals to clean-living, decent young people, precisely the type who was head of house or head of the school, very often a public school. Very often they were the favourite child of their parents; very often the home they came from was warm and happy... and religious.

It is hard not to be moved by the poignancy of the parent's reactions when discovering that their so promising and attractive son or daughter has dedicated his or her life to a cause which an ordinary, middle-class, rather conservative parent must think totally ludicrous... "and after all we've done for him!"

Miss Barker, who has previously made no secret of her strenuous opposition to the "brain-washing" thesis, thus colliding with the *Daily Mail* and a High Court jury on this point, stumbled across this uncomfortable truth about the Moonie phenomenon more or less by accident.

She describes in her new book presenting her research findings, *The Making of a Moonie* (Blackwell, £12), how she was designing a 41-page questionnaire to give to those attending a Moonie recruiting session or "workshop." Her plan was to follow up the session to see who ultimately joined and who did not; then to check with the questionnaires to see how the two groups differed, if at all.

Her questions included a list of "life goals" – success in career, improving the world, spiritual fulfilment, and so on. More or less as an afterthoght she added a space for "Don't knows" – expressed in life-goal terms as "Something but did not know what." And the response from the Moonies was astonishing. She had found the "discriminator" between joiners and non-joiners. From the joiners the questionnaires came back with "YES!!" written in the "Don't know" section; from the non-joiners, with "WHAT??" or even "Bloody silly question." And from the tables she publishes in the book, it is clear that this, more than any other factor, decides who will join and who will not. And so one has to add, to the unhappy list of respectable virtues tending towards Moonie membership, "open-minded idealism."

Miss Barker has also dealt rather a blow to the Moonies' enemies, though she is herself not their friend. She studied closely – probably more closely than any outsider has ever done – what exactly goes on at the notorious workshops for potential recruits, the places where brain-washing happens if it happens at all. She says she did not find it, and we have not only her word but also her tables to prove it.

The workshops are in fact pretty inefficient at converting people, with a success rate of only about 10 per cent. Brain-washing should be made of sterner stuff. In fact from all those visiting Unification centres, only about 0.005 per cent will join and still be members two years later. It is tiny.

Miss Barker found that the workshops were actually more efficient in leading those who attended them to join other religions, including the mainstream ones, than in enticing people into the Unification Church. The key to deciding who joined and who did not was what the individuals brought with them to these sessions in their own personalities, not what happened to them once they were there. They were, so to speak, already "ripe" for the Moonie harvesters to pluck.

But they were not – and this is Miss Barker's most important discovery – abnormal; and it is no reflection on a parent to have produced one. The "Where did we go wrong?" question can be laid to rest, which may be some comfort to many troubled parents. They may be consoled, also, be the remarkably high rate of lapse. When a young person joins the Moonies, the odds are high that he or she will not stay.

There is no consolation in Miss Barker's work, however, for those who would heap on the Moonies' shoulders all the ills of a sick society, the scapegoat syndrome. The truth is that in their early twenties many young men and women are looking for an idealistic alternative to rat-race consumerism; and it is extraordinarily easy for any single-minded individual or group – secular or religious, left or right, desirable in popular view or undesirable – to catch them for itself. It is not society's failure that this is so: on the contrary a society which produced no young idealists would be dying.

Peter Nichols on the accomplishments – and criticisms – of the Pope's first six years

A firm grip on the boarding pass

Rome

Pope John Paul II is about to begin the seventh year of his pontificate. He is known to feel that it is flourishing.

Slimmmer than when he was elected in October 1978 and, despite a certain aging, he nevertheless looks fitter than before Ali Agca shot him in the stomach on May 13, 1981 in St Peter's Square.

The leading place on the international stage which he achieved as soon as he was elected has meant that Roman Catholics throughout the world have felt proud because they have so spectacular a pontiff. Non-Catholics are impressed by his personality and his insistence on human rights. He is a master with crowds and his purely physical presence is now reaching the proportions of a cult.

He has set himself the task of being ubiquitous, moving throughout the Catholic world so that he is the ultimate symbol of unity and visible to all.

Morris West was one of the first well known Catholics to come out in print with a series of reasoned criticisms of the Pope (in *The Australian*); his principal point of attack being that the Pope was constantly travelling the world, and is remote as could be up there in the sky from the personal worries and anxieties of the humbler, earth-bound faithful. But the Pope himself had already anticipated that line of criticism. The *Annuario Pontificio*, or Pontifical Yearbook, lists all the Popes from Peter to Karol Wojtyla. Only the last, or John Paul II to give him the name he chose as Pope, had written after his title "Universal Pastor of the Church."

This is not one of the official titles of the Pope, unlike that of "Successor of the Prince of the Apostles", or "Patriarch of the West", or "Servant of the servants of God", it is something which he himself added to make quite clear that his intention was to be everyone's point of orientation as well as the discipliner of those whose concept of the church was different from his. He has proved the opposite of a centraliser in that he regularly takes the centre – himself – out into the farflung provinces as the Church's unifying factor. The geographical centre suffers. Complaints are constant at the Vatican that the Pope is too often away, or planning a journey, and has neither the time not interest for ordinary administration. Or for the bank scandal.

Is this a way of being Pope that can be made to work? One of the most eminent prelates in Rome recently commented that one of the difficulties in trying to bring the Catholic Church nearer to the Eastern Orthodox was that the Catholic Church was becoming increasingly regionalised while the chronically disunited Orthodox was looking for some centre of authority. The Pope does not fit into that analysis at all. He places unity before variety while the Orthodox, of course, see the papacy as one of the greatest obstacles to unity. Pope John Paul II is increasing prominent, so making matters worse.

Suppose that John Paul II's tragic predecessor had survived to be Pope for a long time, instead of only 33 days. The first John Paul was unassuming, totally pastoral and exactly the type of pope who seemed to be in the context of a less formidable, less *authoritarian* Catholic Church.

The contrast between John Paul I and his successor is illustrated by this story from a cardinal who took part in the election of both men. "After John Paul I's election, all the cardinals went one by one in the Sistine Chapel to kiss the new Pope. As I embraced him, I thanked him for taking such a heavy job and his reply was: 'Perhaps I should have said no after all'." The next morning the same cardinal saw the Pope emerge from his cell within the conclave and asked him if he had an untroubled sleep. "No", was the reply, "I was troubled all night by doubts." In little more than a month he was dead.

The conclave reconvened and John Paul II emerged with not a sign of doubt beyond a moment of self-questioning on the possible disadvantages to the church of a pope from a communist-ruled country. But once over that brief reflection, he drank a glass of champagne with the cardinals, and chinked glasses as well with the kitchen staff as a presage of the extraordinary success he would have with the crowds.

There are many ways of looking at him after six years bcause he is a complex man. He places great weight on the fact that he is history's first Slav Pope and much of his thinking is devoted not only to his native Poland, but to the need to reinstate Eastern Europe as an essential part of the continent. He assumes that it has made a cultural contribution through its Christian roots common to East and West. This is the basis – and not the Vatican's traditional style of patient diplomacy – of his approach to the East. As one of his advisers said: "He is a prophet, and prophets do not make much use of diplomatic channels."

Some see him as too immersed in the problems of sex and personal morality. He is constantly referring to the encyclical *Humanae Vitae* with which Paul VI reiterated the ban on artificial contraception. Once Paul VI had issued his encyclical he practically never returned to the subject, but John Paul II is capable of raising it again and again at his regular Wednesday audience. He is more extreme in his teaching than *Humanae Vitae* as well as loquacious. One prelate saw this insistence as prooof that the Pope sees sexuality and human love as the centre of human behaviour that must be properly regulated. This interpretation says more for the Pope's own psychology than the problems birth control, divorce and celibacy raise for others.

David Watt

Arms: let Europe speak even louder

Chancellor Kohl of West Germany and President Ceaucescu of Romania have just issued a joint declaration, after their ludicrously pretentious meeting in Bonn, to the effect that the Russians are bound to come back to the negotiating table to talk about disarmament after the American elections. For what it is worth, they are probably right – for reasons that have been discussed in this column before.

Nevertheless, it takes two to tango; and the key question for the Western alliance at present is whether the new American administration will give these "touchstone" negotiations any higher priority than the last one did. When I was in Washington a couple of weeks ago, one of the talking points of the town was the latest piece of American investigative journalism – Strobe Talbott's book, *Deadly Gambits* (shortly to come out over here), which tells the inside story of the Reagan administration's previous arms control negotiations with the Russians and the fierce and tortuous bureaucratic struggles associated with them within the American government. It paints a thoroughly disturbing picture of an administration badly split by jealousies and doctrinal disputes, of secretaries of state and defence abdicating in favour of powerful subordinates, and above all a president totally unwilling or incompetent to understand the difficult issues at stake.

The question of whether the Russians were ever really prepared to compromise to reach a deal on cruise and Pershing is unanswerable, but Talbott, who is the diplomatic correspondent of *Time* magazine and displays no particular signs of political bias, establishes a strong case that, as a result of the vacuum at the top, American policy was in the end made by the ideological hard-liners unwilling to put the question to the test. They had a strong emotional stake in believing the Soviet Union must be negotiating in bad faith and were therefore determined that the American negotiation should, in effect, be in bad faith too. They judged mutual interest between the superpowers to be non-existent and thus decided that agreement on any realistic terms was actually undesirable.

At least three important practical conclusions emerge from Talbott's book. First it is clear (if anyone doubted it) that what is wrong with President Reagan is not so much to do with his age but the narrow scope of his interests; the limits of his intellect and his indolence.

The second moral is that if the president is not prepared to take a line in these matters, the outcome will depend crucially, Washington being what it is, on the interaction of two other factors – one the fortuitous arrangement of personalities in the Washington firmament, and the other the supremely hard-headed (some might say supremely cynical) perception of public opinion entertained at any given time by the president's political "minders".

Finally there is the question of the Europeans. Many people, including myself, have accused the Reagan administation of ignoring its partners abroad; and in many instances the charge is easily justified. But on the question of arms control the situation has been far more complicated. There is a real sense in which the allies have themselves been able to take advantage of the policy-making chaos at the centre. Both the Carter and Reagan governments were attempting, in their employment of cruise, to meet European (and especially West German) fears of Soviet SS20s. Political pressure from the allies (as well as from Congress) in 1981-82 forced the administration to enter negotiations with the Russians in the first place; and further pressure forced it to modify its stance in 1983.

How does all this look today? In the first place there is no sign that the personal and institutional framework in Washington is going to be any different after next month. It will still take a major miracle to give election to Mondale, and nothing will turn Reagan into an alert, hard-working president. So far as personalities are concerned there is an infinity of rumours about who is likely to be in and who out, but none envisages a clear-out that would produce a radical change of assumptions in the field of East-West relations. Reagan will almost certainly stick to favourites, perhaps in a slightly different order. This may or may not catapult Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick or Mr Richard Perle (the two most notorious hawks) into seats of greater power than at present but it is unlikely to eliminate their views. Meanwhile, in Congress, we must prepare for the possibility that Senator Charles Percy, the present moderate Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will be defeated in Illinois, and his place taken by the hardest right-winger of them all, Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina.

In these circumstances the two factors most likely to impose some flexibiity on American foreign policy in a second Reagan term are public opinion and European pressure. It is hard to judge what the first of these will produce. It has, of course, already produced the following remarkable exchange in the president's recent interview with *US News and World Report*. **Q:** "Some people say you will immediately return to a hard, unyielding line with the Soviets if you're re-elected. Would you?" **Reagan:** "No. No. No way, because I happen to believe that if there's any commonsense in the world at all we should not only reduce nuclear weapons, we should eliminate them".

The shallowness of this reply is breathtaking, but at least the conversion, so artlessly admitted, represents a political calculation that may endure for some time. As for the allies, we shall see. There is growing momentum to the European movement aimed at strengthening European political and defence co-operation; the meetings this month and next between Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand, and the first ministerial meeting of the revived Western European Union are the most prominent of a series this autumn where the question of how to deal collectively with the Americans is high on the agenda. A second Reagan administration will find the European voice even more insistent than the first did.

Philip Howard

Thanks Moses, you were a real Brit

Contrary to the slogans and the ranting, Britain seems to me remarkably free of racialism, or racism if you must, compared with most countries from the Soviet Union to the United States. You could say that the national genius of the big offshore island lies in absorbing continual waves of new immigrants, from the round-headed Beaker Folk and those terrifying first Italian immigrants to later arrivals, adapting what seems best in their languages and customs, and adopting them as true Brits. We are the mongrel race, English is the putty language.

Of course prejudice and racial discrimination and violence exist in dimmer parts of the island. The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers once had a Jewish member called Nathanson; but he died (of boredom with the company, I should think). And there are worse forms of discrimination than not being allowed to play ball with the pompous nobs of Edinburgh. Sometimes it takes a long time. It took us two centuries to tame the Hurray Henry horsemen from Normandy. But, disappointing as it is to the fanatics and the insecure thickies, the English cannot afford to be intolerant of other races, since our own racial origins are so magnificently mixed.

Next Wednesday we celebrate the 200th birthday of the man who by his life forced Brits to treat Jews as equal human beings and equal Brits. Moses Montefiore was born on October 24, 1784. At that time Jews in England were third-class citizens, hancuffed by many legal, civil, and social disabilities. By the time he died nearly 101 years later they had been unshackled from everything except the residual blind prejudice of the silly and the envious.

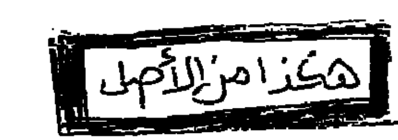
Montefiore demonstrated by his life that it was possible to be both a passionate Jew and a passionate Englishman. Medieval prejudice stereotyped Jews as mean, avaricious, revengeful, and untrustworthy Shylocks. Moses was a walking example of a Jew who was generous, patriotic, philanthropic, stylish, and eccentric; the last an important Shibboleth for the English. Victoria made him the first Jewish baronet. When he was made High Sheriff of London, the Queen sent him a present of a deer. Moses accepted gratefully, but insisted that the animal be slaughtered by kosher rules.

Having made his pile and blown down the Jericho walls of the Stock Exchange by the age of 40, Moses retired and devoted his last 60 years to helping those who had not done so well in the little battle of life. He became a roving unofficial ambassador, with the authority of Queen Victoria behind him, on behalf of persecuted Jews in other countries, addressing the Sultan of Morocco, the Tsar, and even the Pope with the majestic self-assurance of a true Englishman.

We are about to celebrate the memory of good old Sir Moses with appropriate civic and religious ceremonies. It is a week for the English who are not Jews to blow the ram's horn of jubilee for Moses, and for the disproportionate and distinguished contribution made to our national life by Jews in all departments from the Cabinet down.

It would be foolish to pretend that there are no differences between races; although the glory of being human is that individual exceptions always arise. If I were picking a world basket-ball team to take on visitors from Mars, I should concentrate on Sudanis, Nilotics, and other predominantly tall races, rather than Bushmen, who seldom grow taller than five feet. If I were looking for fast bowlers, I should start in the West Indies.

The Jews are not a separate race. But if you want to be racialist about them, you could say that it is quite extraordinary how many Jews are brilliant musicians, chess-players, philosophers, mathematicians, novelists, and intellectuals generally. I dare say that you can attribute some of this to cultural, and social, and religious influences. But I sometimes wonder whether there may not be something in the genes. This makes me a racialist. But at least I am in good company. The Old Fellow himself said: "Ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people." Next week we non-Jews thank our lucky stars for our own dear English Jews.





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CUT-PRICE OIL

It is doubtful whether the $1.35 per barrel cut in the British National Oil Company's official price for prime North Sea crude oil should have made such a dramatic contribution to the current sterling crisis. Taken by itself, the cut would indeed cost the Government roughly £600m a year in revenue.

Since our oil is priced in dollars, however, this only partly offsets the gain of more than £1 billion brought about by the previous fall in the pound against the dollar since the Treasury forecast a £10 billion revenue from oil in the current financial year. Moreover, these two movements are intimately connected. Despite resistance in some markets, the price of oil to most users around the world has risen sharply since it was fixed in dollar terms in March 1983 because of the headlong rise in the dollar against most other currencies. This created gluts based on movements in relative curencies rather than the interplay of supply and demand. For oil prices to adjust to such wide movements in the dollar should be seen as a sign of stability in oil markets rather than the reverse.

On similar grounds, it would be foolish to exaggerate the net effects on British output or our balance of payments, although Britain undoubtedly loses out relatively to countries such as Germany or Japan which rely almost wholly on oil imports.

It may be bad luck that the latest blow has come just at the time when the collapse of coal talks had already left sterling groggy on the ropes. But it is no coincidence that sterling has become unjustifiably vulnerable to such dollar oil price adjustments. And that is almost entirely of our own making.

It is the peculiar framework for pricing North Sea crude oil that has pushed our price adjustments so prominently into the world market spotlight three times in the past nineteen months.

Given the impracticality of setting a fixed price in one currency at a time of such instability in foreign exchange markets, Opec has at least operated its chosen cartel system with some logic. Producers decided to adjust their production to make the sums come out right and when some members of the cartel failed, under domestic pressures, to do the decent thing, the dominant producer, Saudi Arabia, took over the prime role of output regulator. Even so, Opec members have increasingly been forced to cheat against their own rules as the free market for oil has taken on a much larger and more powerful influence. This inevitable upsurge in the market mechanism has however made far more impact on the illogical hybrid pricing systems adopted by Britain and Norway.

The BNOC uses its right to buy and trade 51 per cent of our North Sea output to set a price for long-term contracts. This enabled the British Government to promise not to rock Opec's boat in March 1983, thus helping to protect government revenues. But as the August crisis showed, BNOC has no effective control over the oil companies' output from the North Sea and no control over the 49 per cent of output it does not trade. Hence BNOC is far more at the mercy of the spot market than Opec and, as Norway was first to admit, has been forced to use the spot market increasingly to sell the output it buys from the oil companies at a loss.

Britain and Norway have therefore unwittingly set themselves up as the first dominoes in the row. Opec prices can soon be expected to adjust, although they may not have to cut their prices so much, since technical advances have eroded the premium for prime North Sea oil.

The Government could rapidly remove Britain from the oil price spotlight if it wished by the simple device of abolishing the BNOC. Its function of stabilizing prices is now shown to work, if at all, only when prices are rising. Its reserve role of ensuring supplies for Britain in times of crisis could just as easily be performed by direct government emergency powers. If BNOC is to be retained, it would make more sense to price its contracts on a market-related formula. But why should Britain want to retain such an artificial and counterproductive curb on the development of the free market? The old argument that the spot market was too volatile no longer applies as ever more of the world's oil trade has switched from fixed price to market-related contracts. In a period when currencies cannot be relied on, the free market in crude oil should be encouraged as the best likely source of stability.

THE EXORBITANT COST OF JUSTICE

Civil litigation in this country is now inordinately expensive. The Lord Chancellor has promised a "complete and systematic review of civil procedure", one of the aims of which will be to reduce the costs of the present system, but it will probably be some years before this produces concrete results. In the meantime the opportunity should be taken to overhaul our system of civil legal aid.

Reform of legal aid was one of the themes touched upon by Sir John Donaldson, the Master of the Rolls, in an important speech given to the Law Society conference yesterday. One point he made was that although the moderately well off person is ineligible for legal aid, he is in no position to undertake substantial litigation on his own and is therefore much worse off than a person of more limited means who has the resources of the State at his disposal.

Sir John called for a new approach. The test of financial eligibility for legal aid should not, he suggested, be solely dependent on the means of the applicant (as at present) but should also take into account the likely cost of the litigation. There would be no ultimate limit to eligibility. The test in every case would be whether the applicant was prevented from enforcing or defending his legal rights by lack of means. The effect would be that people outside the present financial limits would continue to finance smaller cases out of their own resources but would have the right to assistance in particularly expensive actions, subject to a sliding scale of financial contributions towards the cost.

This proposal makes sense. It would, of course, require funding, but this problem should not be exaggerated. In his speech, Sir John identified a number of possible methods of raising the additional finance, including the payment of more realistic financial contributions by those at present eligible for legal aid. Statistics show that legally aided litigants have a high success rate, and accordingly a significant proportion of the additional outlay will in any event be recovered either out of an order for costs against the unsuccessful party or out of the fruits of the litigation.

Quite apart from the inflexible nature of the financial criteria for legal aid, the system in its present form creates glaring injustices. Its worst victim is the unassisted litigant who has the misfortune to find himself against a legally aided party. If he wins the case, he is highly unlikely to get any worth-while order for costs against the loser, who is usually not worth powder and shot. He ought, of course, to be entitled to have his costs paid by the legal aid fund, which caused his loss by financing the unsuccessful party; but the terms of the legal aid scheme deny him that right altogether if he was the one who brought the action, and even if he was the defendant they only permit an order for costs against the legal aid fund if he can show severe financial hardship.

The result is that a private litigant faced with a legally aided opponent is at the latter's mercy. There are compelling economic arguments for the unassisted party to settle even the most unmeritorious claim against him, because the impossibility of recovering costs in the event of success is all too likely to make any victory a pyrrhic one. This is not the fault of the legal aid authorities, because they must decide whether to grant legal aid on the basis of what they are told about the case by the applicant. The fault lies with the grossly unfair rule about costs and, in a more profound sense, with the grossly inflated cost of litigation caused by high fees.

IN THE NAME OF CHARITY

Poverty abounds. There is also a little bit of money for it, in the form of local charitable funds for the relief of poverty in England and Wales, lying idle, or badly managed, or ineffectively applied because of its pitifully wasted value. The full facts are hard to get at because of the absence of public accountability at the small and numerous end of the spectrum of charities – of the 144,000 registered charities only about 10,000 render accounts to the Charity Commission, although all are under an obligation to do so.

A select committee of the House of Lords paints a disturbing picture of ineffectiveness attributable to lack of supervision, inefficiency, obsolescence of the object of the charity, or the penny packets to which many charities have been reduced by inflation and mismanagement of the endowment. Some just go to sleep. The county review in Humberside in 1978 found 120 inactive charities with balances of accumulated income of over £100,000.

The Lords committee comes into the picture because of two private members' Bills before the House applying their respective remedies. The committee has examined them both, approved *neither*, and advanced its own considered proposals for legislation.

The proposals are for making effective the obligation to present accounts and have them publicly available; for a "DIY" scheme enabling small charities to amalgamate under the general supervision of the Charity Commission; and for relaxation of the cy-près doctrine in the case of local charities for relief of poverty.

The cy-près doctrine, a product of the common law, was developed to meet the case of charities which have become inoperable because their purpose has disappeared, or can no longer be achieved, or has ceased to be a legitimate object of charity. The income may then be diverted to another charitable purpose as near as practicable to the original intention of the donor. The procedure is cumbersome and restrictive, for the law has rightly been concerned not to break faith with the charitable dead, however how long dead; and public policy should beware of discouraging charitable donation by posthumous tinkering in disregard of the donor's expressed intentions. Any relaxation of the cy-près doctrine would have to be carefully monitored by the Charity Commission.

That introduces an aspect of the matter which the select committee did not feel qualified to go into: the adequacy of the Charity Commission. Plainly it has not been given the resources to fulfil its task. The lamentable facts gathered in this report are testimony of that. But more, the commission, a body with judicial and administrative functions, has entertained a "strict constructionist" and somewhat passive conception of its role; witness the rather heated exchange between the Attorney General and the Commissioners about the latter's alleged inactivity in regard to the Unification Church (Moonies).

There is place for a supervisory body to effect reforms *ambulando*. The commission does a bit of that, but it is not exactly interventionist, any more than the Registrar of Friendly Societies was an agent for reform of the trade unions. Amending legislation as proposed by this committee of peers would be useful. It would be more useful if accompanied by new guidelines, and resources, for the Charity Commission.

VAT on books

From Mr Michael S. Moss

Sir, Mr Victor Sutcliffe (October 11) is naive in supposing that it is easy for an author of an academic book (doctorate thesis or no) to have his work published. Many publishers calculating that sales will be small and profits marginal, if not non-existent, demand subsidies from the authors before they will proceed.

With my own book, written with Edwin Green, *A Business of National Importance*, about Lord Kylsant's Royal Mail Shipping Group (published 1982), the publishers required us to raise £3,500 before the book became a viable proposition. Such demands, particularly in the arts and social science fields, are not unusual. The imposition of VAT would only make them more common and the sums larger.

Mr Sutcliffe is deluded in believing that academic institutions can any longer Hoover up every serious book. Throughout the world institutions of higher education are living in reduced circumstances on tight budgets. In this country a 15 per cent increase in the price of books would simply result in a 15 per cent cut in library budgets already pared to the bone.

Similar cuts in the inter-war years have left many provincial libraries bereft of important runs of journals and newspapers which can now only be consulted in London.

Yours faithfully,
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October 11.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Youth service activity in the US

From Dr Alec Dickson

Sir, Having only just returned from looking at endeavours in America to develop conservation and service programmes for young people, may I comment on what *The Times* has been publishing on this theme over the last three weeks?

First, the will to act – and succeed. In January this year Mayor Koch advocated a national service programme for New York City, starting with one thousand 18-year-olds. Today the budget has been voted, headquarters staff assembled, recruiting is under way and first project begins in November. The Governor of New York State is formulating his plans too. What ministry or government agency in Britain has begun to think, still less to act, in this direction?

Second, the determination that these programmes – all, of course, voluntary – shall not focus only on the least fortunate, "the losers", but that they should encompass a cross-section of their young people. Who of any national distinction or decision-making status in Britain has encouraged his son or daughter to engage in work of public service alongside their unemployed peers?

Third, the proliferation of Conservation Corps programmes, so that they are being established not only by individual states but in cities like San Francisco and the East Bay area mostly with locally raised funding. Washington State, incidentally, has both a Conservation Corps and a Service Corps tackling human needs.

Fourth, the quality of leadership. The director of the San Francisco Corps is a Princeton graduate, with a PhD in education, two years of service in the Peace Corps in Iran: he has earned his living at one time as a plumber and at weekends juggles in a family circus which performs to community groups.

Fifth, recognition that the natural disasters – floods, volcanic eruptions, infestation by Mediterranean fruit fly etc – which are encountered in California and Washington State – evoke a response which reflects William James's famous plea for "the moral equivalent of war". But such dramatic situations do not occur on the east coast or in great cities. The hunt is on, therefore, for the urban counterpart of the forest fire, so that young people can feel that they are tackling urgent needs, both social and environmental.

Yours truly,
ALEC DICKSON,
19 Blenheim Road, W4.
October 17.

Tridentine Mass

From Mr John Murphy

Sir, I note that there are two errors in your short report (October 16) on the lifting of the ban on the Tridentine Mass.

First, the Tridentine Mass was not banned by the second Vatican Council, but by Pope Paul VI when the normative rite was promulgated in 1969. Second, between 1962 and 1969, when the normative rite was promulgated, the tridentine rite was said predominantly in the vernacular, and therefore it is untrue to say it is always said in Latin.

Finally, Pope John Paul II has not lifted a worldwide ban since in England Cardinal Heenan obtained an indult for the use of the Tridentine Mass. Thus, the indult given to England has merely been extended to the rest of the Church.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MURPHY,
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Black gold or green?

From Mr Philip Vickers

Sir, Although John Young's Spectrum report (October 12) on hydrocarbon exploration in South-east England gave a comprehensive overview of the situation, he misleads in several instances, particularly regarding the "industrial revival" any oil yields may provide.

Professor Marion Bowley, at the "24 rural communities" meeting in Midhurst, earlier this month reported that Britain is currently exporting its oil surplus and that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was on record as saying the increase in unemployment had been contributed to by Britain exporting oil instead of manufactured goods. There will be no local benefits in terms of jobs or rates.

If such "developments" proceed the natural beauty of the South Downs and Sussex Weald will be marred for ever and an area of "outstanding natural beauty" lost both to present foreign tourists and future generations of the English.

Yours,
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Rogate, West Sussex.

Brighton: the politics and the media

From Professor Cornelius O'Leary

Sir, In his confused article, ("Message of the Brighton bomb") (October 15), Enoch Powell poses the question: "What context is it in which governments and statesmen are prepared without scruple to see murder used, if necessary, for their ends?" The plain implication of this question is that the government of the Republic of Ireland is in collusion with the IRA. To anyone who knows Dr Garret FitzGerald and his life-long struggle against the men of violence – who, of course, also threaten democracy in the Republic – this insinuation is quite absurd. To print it in *The Times* in the aftermath of the Brighton atrocity is outrageous.

Everyone who *wants* to solve the problem of governing this troubled province knows that a solution must inbolve the coming together of both sides of this divided community, through their elected representatives. Since he first inflicted himself upon Ulster ten years ago, Mr Powell has not made one constructive proposal to this end; instead he has denounced and impugned the motives of all those who are trying to do just that, especially the hard-working civil servants in the Northern Ireland Office.

That Mr Powell's arrogant, confrontationist political style suits Sinn Fein was demonstrated at the Westminster election of 1983, when, in the marginal constituency of South Down, Sinn Fein put into nomination and campaingned vigorously for a candidate with the specific purpose of taking votes from Mr McGrady of the SDLP and ensuring the return of Mr Powell. (His majority was 548; the Sinn Fein candidate secured 4,074 votes.)

Yours faithfully,
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From the Reverend D. C. Johnston

Sir, "We know that terorism is more concerned with publicity than with the tactical disciplines of war. This imposes a very special responsibility on the organs of publicity – the media – to be conscious of that narrow borderline between serving the public interest and serving the narrow publicism of murderers".

Could I suggest that the above quote from your perceptive editorial on the Brighton atrocity (October 13) could be implemented, in part, by the BBC and ITV forthwith observing a self-denying ordinance and refusing to broadcast any *interviews* with known terrorists?

For almost a decade now the Dublin Government has forbidden, by law, the transmission of any interviews with terrorists on Irish TV or radio (RTE). However, this admirable policy is severely blunted by simply switching to the BBC or ITV.

Now that the chilling enormity of the Brighton plot has been exposed, I suggest we could curtail "serving the narrow publicism of murderers" by denying terrorists any voice on our national networks – thereby, also, establishing Anglo-Irish solidarity in this desperate struggle against ruthless, but *clever*, terrorists.

Yours faithfully,
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October 15.

From Mr Peter Bruinvels, MP for Leicester East (Conservative)

Sir, Following the recent bomb outrage at Brighton it has become all the more obvious that the only way to deal with these barbaric terrorists is by making the death penalty available once again for such offences.

Some of my political colleagues may consider its return as uncivilised in today's modern society – they should remember that the IRA and terrorists worldwide are the violators of such increasingly heinous crimes.

Surely to meet these horrific murderers of innocent people, in pursuit of their own political ends, the death penalty *would* be the ultimate deterrent.

It is my intention to introduce a Bill in the next Parliamentary session to show that in Britain we will not surrender to the fear of terrorism.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BRUINVELS,
House of Commons.
October 17.

From Professor Colin Seymour-Ure

Sir, The Brighton bombing seems likely to take our political leaders one step further away from direct contact with the public. We are moving towards the sort of remoteness taken for granted in the USA. embarrassing light.

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Here the process began almost exactly one hundred years ago. On January 24, 1885, dynamite explosions set off by Irish Americans in Westminster Hall and the Commons chamber led to the exclusion of the public from the Commmons' lobby (and, as a result, to the institution of the "lobby list" of accredited newspaper correspondents). In our own time it has been the turn of the Central lobby to be shielded. Next evidently it will be the hotel lobbies during the party conferences. How long before media appearances are the only "real" public appearances of political leaders in Britain too?

Yours, etc,
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Sinking of Bismarck

From Mr Roy Walker

Sir, I was in the audience at a cinema in Leicester Square when the first newsreel pictures of the sinking of the Bismarck were shown, to cheers, whoops and other audible manifestations of general approval.

Then, a few rows away, a working-class woman cried out involuntarily, "Ah, but that's another thousand men will never go home to their wives". An eloquent and becoming hush of shame settled on the house.

Of course, most of the several hundred young conscripts who drowned with the Belgrano at a time when no British blood had been shed were probably both too poor and too young to be married, which rather upsets the parallel of your ironic correspondent Mr John Measures (October 16).

Yours truly,
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October 16.

Something fishy

From Mr Robert Battersby, MEP for Humberside (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Your leader of October 10 emphasises the valuable role played by the Community Fisheries Inspectorate, in particular its recent effectiveness in exposing irregularities at Dutch ports.

Conservatives in the first directly elected European Parliament were the driving force in creating the Fisheries Inspectorate, and in establishing the necessary budgetary financing. It was also due to constant pressure from the Conservatives that the initial delays by the Commission in appointing this small inspectorate were overcome. It is, however, now obvious that the inspectorate must be expanded as the demands on it grow, especially in view of enlargement of the Community.

One of the more recent successes by the Conservatives in the new European Parliament has been to establish a regular reporting system on milk quota implementation by the Commission, and to set up a milk quota monitoring group in the Parliament.

In other areas the Conservatives have led in exposing fraud and irregularities in the olive oil sector, in pressing for a Community olive oil inspectorate, and in eliminating unfair fuel subsidies in the Dutch horticulture industry.

In conclusion I can only emphasise that it is a principle of the European Parliament's approach to Community finance that the taxpayer gets proper value for money and that his contribution is not dissipated by irregularity, fraud and corrupt abuse of the rules and regulations.

Yours faithfully,
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West Cross,
Rockshaw Road,
Merstham,
Surrey.
October 11.

For art's sake

From Mr Kenneth Pinnock

Sir, A five-line musical stave on which no notes of music can be seen, but merely the tail-end of a paper-clip: does the Arts Council's new logo (Report, October 17) convey quite the message that was intended?

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH PINNOCK,
Whitehouse,
St Martin's Avenue,
Canterbury,
Kent.
October 17.

'Silent' waters

From the Chairman of the Water Authorities Association

Sir, I must take issue with some of the implications in Mr Addison's letter to you about water authorities' board meetings (October 11).

We do, of course, differ with the Guild of British Newspaper Editors about the two specific points to which he refers – the "automatic" press conference and the advance provision to the press of a full list of items for discussion by the board. I know that the Guild feel strongly on these, and my fellow chairmen and I will be discussing the matter further at our next council meeting. I do not want to anticipate the outcome of that, but I think it is important to recognise the point from which the argument starts.

We developed, and are working to, a code of practice which, though it does not go as far as the Guild would like, owes a lot to their input at an earlier stage. It is already normal practice, under the code, for authorities to hold a press conference after a board meeting, to explain important policies and decisions taken by the boards and give an opportunity for the chairman, with other members or officers directly concerned, to be questioned in detail about them.

A list of items for discussion at the press conference is circulated in advance, and these arrangements are supplemented by a wide range of press notices and other material. I think that in this we already go a lot further than most public sector bodies and nationalised industries – let alone the private sector.

The code also covers the handling of material going to the new consumer consultative committees, and we are at one with the Guild on this aspect. The committees meet in public, and will be consulted by the authorities on major policy development. The papers sent to them by the authorities are public documents and are automatically made available to the press.

It is against this background that the Guild's concerns need to be looked at. They are afraid that my colleagues and I start from a position of trying to stifle public interest in, and understanding of, what we are doing; that is in no way the case.

Admittedly, we do not believe that, as management (as opposed to representative boards), it would be appropriate or helpful for us to meet in public or lay open the whole of our proceedings to public discussion; but, subject to this constraint, we are committed to developing and widening our communications and I think that the actions of indivudual authorities over the last year illustrate our success.

Yours faithfully,
L. HILL, Chairman,
Water Authorities Association,
1 Queen Ann's Gate, SW1.
October 16.

Reasons for dig at Maiden Castle

From the Chief Executive of English History

Sir, In his letter (*The Times*, October 13) Mr Tim Tatton-Brown, asks why the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (English Heritage) have decided to undertake a dig at Maiden Castle.

Maiden Castle is one of the most impressive hillforts in Britain and in the care of English Heritage. The proposed excavations are part of an overall programme which will coincide with the World Archaeological Congress in the UK in 1986.

It is some 50 years since Sir Mortimer Wheeler carried out his excavations. Those excavations left questions unanswered and we hope to try to answer three of them. They relate to the nature of the early prehistoric settlement on the hilltop, the sequence to the Saxon period and the extent and dating of the "war cemetery".

We plan to answer the last question by completing the excavations of the eastern entrance. No rescue archaeology funds will be diverted in order to carry out this work.

The excavations at Maiden Castle are to be part of a larger programme to repair the monument and to inform the public about it. Repair work is necessary because of erosion: erosion caused by public use, by cattle, and by the scarring and slumping of the defensive banks. We intend to draw up a repair and management scheme aimed at resolving those problems. The presentation and on-site interpretation of the monument has been non-existent.

Mr Tatton-Brown also refers to the need for re-excavation at Clarendon. That is not a site in the control of English Heritage.

Yours faithfully,
P. W. RUMBLE, Chief Executive,
English Heritage,
Historic Buildings & Monuments Commission for England,
c/o 2 Marsham Street, SW1.
October 17.

New plan for coal

From Mr L. A. Rutherford

Sir, Your leader of October 16 seeks to promote privatization of the coal industry. In particular you recommend that "opencast mines should be removed speedily from the public sector altogether". It would appear implicit in this approach that such a privatized sector should be permitted to engage in unfettered competition with deep mines.

Such a policy has undoubtedly an attractive ring on first acquaintance. However, consider the conclusions of the Commission on Energy and the Environment – *Coal and the Environment* (July -1981) – which strongly recommended that

> as older, more unprofitable deep mines are closed and more efficient and profitable operations take their place, the volume of opencast mining should be allowed to decline ..... The uniquely sensitive character of the British countryside and the high population density in much of the country would not be able to accommodate, without unwarrantable damage, a target in excess of (15 million tonnes per year).

This fixed target has now been abandoned by Government. What are the implications for national policy on coal output?

Pre-strike levels of output from both deep mines and opencast operations have led to vast overstocking. Opencast mines cannot supply all of our needs for coal. Deep mines could supply all of our needs but in the words of Sir Derek Ezra, as chairman of the NCB in 1978, "the fact is that all our extra (deep mine production) is marginal because we are a fixed cost industry and therfore every extra ton is virtually a bonus".

In short, in a period of excess capacity, bearing in mind the environmental costs of opencast mining and the value of such accessible coal as a strategic reserve, it is madness to allow a high level of opencast mining, be it privately or publicly owned, to compete with the deep mines, be they privately or publicly owned.

Yours faithfully,
L.A. RUTHERFORD,
Poplar House,
Medomsley,
Consett,
Co Durham.
October 11.

'Damage' to children

From Mr James Molyneaux, MP for Lagan Valley (Official Unionist)

Sir, The Director of the Child Research Unit at Nottingham University is reported today (October 16) as saying that it is "an established fact that in Northern Ireland children are being psychologically damaged" by the conflict.

By whom, how, and when was that "established"? The studies that I have seen have established the oppostie.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
JAMES H. MOLYNEAUX,
House of Commons.
October 16.

Lucky dog

From Mrs J. Smith

Sir, Not only is it now private health insurance for dogs (Mr [illegible], October 16) but ours makes it plain that she expects her car door to be unlocked before anyone else's.

I can only presume that she reads *The Times*.

Yours,
JULIET SMITH,
110 Frognal,
Hampstead, NW3.
October 16.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 18: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, this morning visited the Barrow Farm Group at Chelmsford and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Essex (Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis).

Her Royal Highness opened the new Riding School and was later entertained at luncheon.

In the afternoon The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited the Pony Riding for the Disabled Trust (Chairman, Dr C. Foster) at Chigwell and opened the Outdoor Riding Arena.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Andrew Feilden, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Queen was represented by Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Hill-Norton at the Memorial Service for Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John which was held in the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
The Prince of Wales this morning visited the British School of Osteopathy, Suffolk Street, SW1.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness visited the College of Health, Victoria Park Square, Bethnal Green, E2.

Major Jack Stenhouse was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 18: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Gala Performance by the Royal Ballet, of which Her Royal Highness is President, held at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, in celebration of the eightieth birthday of Sir Frederick Ashton.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 17: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, President, The Queen's Nursing Institute, was present this afternoon at the Annual Open Meeting held at the Institute of British Architects, Portland Place, London.

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

October 18: The Duke of Gloucester arrived at Heathrow airport, London, this afternoon at the conclusion of his visit to the Middle and Far East.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 18: The Duchess of Kent today visited Bristol and undertook engagements in the St Paul's area and later visited the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Clifton Park.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Alan Henderson.

The funeral service for the Hon Sir Anthony Berry, MP, will be held privately. Details of a memorial service in London will be announced later.

A memorial service for Lord Clitheroe will be held in Blackburn Cathedral tomorrow, Saturday, at 11.00 am.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Patrick Cheape will be held at St Michael's, Chester Square, on Friday, November 2, at 4 pm.

Memorial service

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John
The Queen was represented by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton at a memorial service for Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. The Right Rev Ambrose Weekes officiated, assisted by the Rev Dr Charles Hedley, who pronounced the blessing.

Commander Sam MacDonald-Hall, RN and Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, First Sea Lord, read the lessons. Admiral Sir David Williams, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, gave an address. Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi said the naval prayer. Sir Caspar's orders and decorations were carried to the altar by Commander P. G. Syer. Others present included:

Lady John (widow), Mr Phineas John (son), Miss Rebecca John and Miss Caroline John (daughters), Iona John (granddaughter), Mr Romilly John (brother), M and Mme W Pol (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs Vivien White (sister), Mr and Mrs Tristan de Vere Cole (half-brother and sister-in-law), Miss Amaryllis Fleming and Miss Zoe Hicks (half-sisters), Mrs Dore Hardley (sister-in-law), Mr Julius White, Mr and Mrs Ben John, Miss Sara John, Miss Anna John, Mr and Mrs George Protopapas, Miss Fenella John, Tara Getty, Mr Christopher Peachment, Mrs Sam MacDonald-Hall, and Mr and Mrs Caspar Hall.

Defence and naval attachés, Viscount and Viscountess Simon, Lady Hill-Norton, Lord Aldington (Westland Aircraft), Lady Coleridge, Lady Zuckerman, Lady Carrington, Admiral Sir Charles Madden, Bt, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Michael Pollock (representing the Order of the Bath), Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Ashmore, Admirals Sir Hugh Martell, Sir John Treacher, Sir Peter Austin, Sir John Bush, Sir William Davis, Sir Desmond Dreyer, Sir Derek Empson (Fleet Air Arm Officers Association), Sir John Hamilton, Sir Nigel Henderson, Sir Frank Hopkins and Sir William Davis.

General Sir Roland Guy (Army Board), General Sir Charles Harington, Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston, Vice-Admirals Sir Simon Cassels, Sir Anthony Tippett, Sir Edward Anson, Sir Ronald Brockman, Sir John Cox, Sir Ian Hogg, Sir Charles Hughes-Hallett, Sir Richard Janvrin, Sir Richard Smeeton, Sir FitzRoy Talbot, Sir Allan Trewby and Sir Anthony Troup.

Air Marshal Sir Michael Knight (Air Force Board), Sir David and Lady Piper, Lady Cassidi, Sir Hugh Cubitt (Housing Corporation), Dame Margaret Drummond, Sir James Dunnett, Lady Holland-Martin, Sir Clifford Jarrett, Sir Richard Powell, Lady Rebbeck, Sir Donald and Lady Gosling, Mr Alexander Csaky and Dame Elisabeth Frink, Vice-Admiral R G A Fitch (Flag Officer 3rd Flotilla), Vice-Admiral and Mrs John Grant, Rear-Admirals A S Bolt, Royer Dick, C C H Dunlop, J A Ievers and L Middleton.

Major-General J I H Owen (representing the Commandant General, Royal Marines), Captains K A Lappard, R C Moylan-Jones (HMS Daedalus), T E Fanshawe, R C Dimmock (Director, Naval Air Warfare), W J Flindell (Royal Naval Air Station Culdrose), and George Baldwin; Commanders McKechnie (HMS Gannet), Manger (HMS Osprey) and D C B White (Fleet Air Arm Museum).

Commandant Daphne Swallow (Director, WRNS), Mr R O Dennys (High Sheriff of East Sussex), Mgr W R Brown, Mrs Thelma Cazalet-Keir, Mr Philip Zieger, Mr Noel Blakiston, Mr J N H Blelloch, Mr A Jaffray, Mr Michael Clark, Mr Robin Pooley, Mr and Mrs Michael Peacock, Mrs Ivy Taylor-Gregson, Mrs Y Ellison (Hertfordshire County Council), Mrs R Garrett (Royal Star and Garter Home), Miss J Green (Sotheby and Company), Dr S K Mansfield (Backpain Association), and representatives of the Fruiterers Company.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. R. Mullings and Miss C. P. Best
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs John Mullings, of Pinbury Park, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and Clare, daughter of the Hon Patrick and Mrs Best, of Monks House, Durford Wood, Petersfield, Hampshire.

Mr A. R. Laing and Miss F. Brooke-Hunt
The engagement is announced between Anthony, youngest son of Sir Hector and Lady Laing, of High Meadows, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Brooke-Hunt, of New Mains, Dryburgh, Roxburghshire.

Mr S. J. Banfield and Miss J. A. Towler
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Banfield, of Puddletown, Dorset, and Judith, younger daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs J. L. W. Towler, of Dorchester, Dorset.

Mr R. M. Blackwell and Miss B. P. Petchey
The engagement is announced between Richard Miles, elder son of the late Mr Richard Blackwell and of Mrs Blackwell, of Tubney House, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and Briony Patricia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Petchey, of 51 Orchard Hill, Faringdon, Oxfordshire.

Mr T. J. T. Cant and Miss C. J. Waldram
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs K. A. T. Cant, of Budleigh Salterton, and Jane, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs O. J. Waldram, of Woodgreen, Hampshire.

Mr R. T. C. Chenevix-Trench and Miss S. J. Wykeham
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of the late Anthony Chenevix-Trench and of Mrs Elizabeth Chenevix-Trench, of Horspath, Oxfordshire, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Wykeham, of Englefield Green, Surrey.

Mr L. Grossman and Miss D. Puttnam
The engagement is announced between Lloyd, son of Mrs H. Grossman and the late Mr D. Grossman, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, and Deborah, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Puttnam, of Kensington, London.

Mr J. R. S. Harker and Miss H. J. Davison
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. S. Harker, of Burton-in-Wirral, Cheshire, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. N. Davison, of Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset.

Mr A. R. D. Hobbs and Miss V. Hugill
The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs D. W. Hobbs, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, and Vivien, daughter of Mr G. T. Hugill, of Son Servera, Mallorca and Mrs L. J. Groenendijk, of Laren, Holland.

Mr R. Rigge and Miss R. Wood
The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of Commander and Mrs J. Rigge, of Rey Francisco, Madrid, and Rosemary, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs M. D. Wood of Stapleford Lodge, Stapleford, Cambridge.

Mr M. A. G. Matthews and Miss R. E. S. O'Shaughnessy
The engagement is announced, from Hongkong, between Michael Anthony Gage, eldest son of the late Major-General and Mrs F. T. G. Matthews, of Crockerton, Warminster, Wiltshire, and Randie Ellen Smith O'Shaughnessy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Newmon Smith, of Columbus, Mississippi. The marriage will take place in Hongkong in December.

Mr A. A. Nixon and Miss L. J. Barnes
The engagement is announced between Anthony, youngest son of the late Mr Howard Nixon and of Mrs Nixon, of Westminster, and Josephine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Barnes, of Chichester.

Mr P. S. A. Taylor and Miss E. R. Woodgate
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel P. M. A. Taylor, of Little Maplestead, Essex, and of the late Mrs E. M. H. Taylor, of Oxford, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs G. K. Woodgate, of Cumnor Hill, Oxford.

Mr M. H. Walton and Miss L. Nunn
The engagement is announced between Miles, son of Mr and Mrs R. Walton, of Tynemouth, and Lorraine, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs A. J. Nunn, of Southend, Essex.

Mr R. J. Wright and Miss J. M. Baily
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs J. E. Wright, of New Milton, Hampshire, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. A. H. Baily, of Caversham, Berkshire.

Marriages

Mr C. B. Calkin and Miss V. C. Walker
The marriage took place on Friday, October 12, in the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, between Mr Charles Calkin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Calkin, of Limpsfield, Surrey, and Miss Virginia Walker, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Walker, of Lingfield, Surrey. Canon A. D. Caesar officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Sabrina Ingleby-Mackenzie, Miss Kate Rogerson and Lucien and Cyprian Mallett. Dr James Barratt was best man.

A reception was held at the Basil Street Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent in St Lucia.

Mr T. B. Motley and Mrs C. T. M. Soskin
The marriage took place quietly in London on Thursday, October 18, between Mr Timothy Motley and Mrs Clare Soskin (née Doubleday).

Don J. de Villynova-Raggazzi Guillen and Miss M. J. Ferris
The marriage took place in the chapel of the Casa Grande, Granada, on Sunday, October 14, of Don Jorge de Villynova-Raggazzi Barrera Guillen Lasierra, second son of the Marquis and Marchioness Luis de Villynova-Raggazzi Barrera, and Miss Michaela Jacqueline Ferris, daughter of Mrs Dennis Gould, of London, and Mr Michael Ferris, of Paris.

Tête à tête: Owen Thomas, a visitor to the Woodworker Show at the Alexandra Pavilion, north London, which opened yesterday coming face to face with Malcolm Dinning's African Head. Mr Dinning, a forester from Cambridge, carved the piece in English elm on a base of keruing (photograph: John Voos).

WRVS

The Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Lord Mayor were the principal speakers at a rally and exhibition held in Bloomsbury yesterday by the Women's Royal Voluntary Service. Mrs B. E. Shenfield, chairman, WRVS, presided.

Church news

The Right Rev Dennis F Page, Suffragan Bishop of Lancaster, is to retire on April 30, 1985.

Appointments

The Rev S N H Baker, Assistant Curate of St Paul's, Tupsley, Hereford, diocese of Hereford, to be Vicar of Shinfield, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev C Beardsley, Curate of St Mark, North End, Portsea, diocese of Portsmouth, to the united benefice of Catherington with Clanfield, same diocese.

The Rev D Bonner, Honorary Curate of All Saints, Hampton, diocese of London, to be Priest-in-charge of All Saints, Twickenham, same diocese.

Canon B L H Carpenter, Team Rector of Holy Trinity with St Columba, Fareham, diocese of Portsmouth, to be Vicar of St Mary Magdalene with St Matthias and St John, Richmond, diocese of Southwark.

The Rev C G Chiplin, Assistant Curate of Thorpe-Episcopi, diocese of Norwich, to be Vicar of Highbridge, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev G Crago, Religious Programmes Producer, Severn Sound Radio Station, to be also Gloucester Diocesan Communications Officer.

The Rev B Dunn, Vicar of St Barnabas, Over Darwen, diocese of Blackburn, to be Vicar of Holy Trinity, South Shore, Blackpool, same diocese.

The Rev P T Hancock, until recently Rector of St Peter, Mount Royal, City and Diocese of Montreal, Canada, to be Vicar of Holy Trinity, Northwood, diocese of London.

The Rev E R M Henderson, Assistant Curate of All Saints, Reading, diocese of Oxford, to be Assistant Curate of St Luke's, Maidenhead, same diocese.

The Rev M A Friggens, Rector of St Buryan and St Levan and Sennen, and Rural Dean of Penwith, diocese of Truro, to be Rector of St Columb and St Wenn, same diocese.

The Rev J S Keefer, Graduate Research Student of Berne, Switzerland, to be Chaplain of Church of the Resurrection, Bucharest, Romania, diocese of Europe.

Canon D H Palmer, Anglican Chaplain of British Embassy and All Saints, Rome, diocese of Gibraltar, to be Vicar of Preston St Matthias, Brighton, diocese of Chichester.

The Rev J T Rooke to be Assistant Curate (NSM) of Bassingham Group, diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev E I Slater to be Assistant Curate (NSM) of Cherry Willingham with Greetwell, diocese of Lincoln.

Reception

St James's and The Abbey, West Malvern
The council of St James's and The Abbey gave a reception at Skinners' Hall on Wednesday, October 17th for educational agencies and authorities responsible for finding suitable secondary education, particularly for the daughters of executives serving overseas and for girls requiring sixth form education. Colonel B. A. E. Maude, chairman, presided and the headmistress, Miss J. M. Nixon, was present.

Medal for mayor

The President's Medal of the Institute of Public Relations has been awarded to Dame Mary Donaldson, the Lord Mayor of London.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr **Hartley Booth** to be a member of the Prime Minister's policy unit on a two-year appointment. He will concentrate on home policy, law and order, and environmental pollution.

Dr **Arthur Hearnden** to be the first full-time general secretary of the Independent Schools Joint council, the policy-making body for independent schools.

Mr **David Phillips**, a chief superintendent in the Lancashire constabulary, to be assistant chief constable (uniform operations) for the Greater Manchester force.

Mr **Matthew Evans** to be chairman of the English stage company at the Royal Court Theatre, in succession to Mr P. H. Newby.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid):

Charrington, Mr Nicholas Daubeney, of Thursley, Surrey £959,171
Jago, Captain John De Filek, RN (retd), of Cambridge £566,319
Joseph, Mr Albert Salomon Wolfgang, of Hampstead, London £644,198
Morley, Mr John Geoffrey Nicholson, of Twickenham, London parliamentary correspondent of *The Times* 1947-61 £200,500
Pick, Mrs Jessie Agnes, of Datchet, Berkshire £309,741

Birthdays today

Mr Justice Boreham, 65; Professor Sir Robert Boyd, 62; Mr Emil Gilels, 68; Mr John Graham, 57; Mr Bernard Hepton, 59; Professor Sir Robert Jennings, 71; Mr John Le Carré, 53; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Michael Pollock, 68; Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville Stack, 65; Sir Kenneth Stoby, 81; Sir Patrick Wall, MP, 68; Mr Peter Whiston, 72.

Insurers' Company

The following have been installed as officers of the Insurers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master: Mr Julius A. S. Neave; Senior Warden: Mr Frank R. D. Holland; Junior Warden: Mr David A. Blaikie.

University news

College celebrates centenary

Wales
The University College of North Wales held a ceremony yesterday to commemorate its foundation centenary.

A procession of academic staff to the college's original site at the Penrhyn Arms was followed by the presentation of a ceremonial mace by the Old Students' Association.

London
Goldsmiths' College
Appointments
Lecturers: M J Baynham, MA, adult literacy and basic education; Miss H A Faust, BA, nursery education; S Grover, BA, BPhil, religious studies; Mrs L M Warren, BSc, PhD, zoology; R W Whitty, BSc, PhD, computer science.

Liverpool
Grant
Arthritis and Rheumatism Council: £43,932 to Dr P M Johnson for a study of the anti-streptococcal cell wall antibody and rheumatoid factor in rheumatoid arthritis, and their idiotypic interrelationship.

Nottingham
The Earl of Selborne, chairman of the Agricultural and Food Research Council, formally opened a £386,000 extension to the library at the university's school of agriculture at Sutton Bonington last week.

The new building, a single storey circular structure linked to the existing main library, has been provided through funds made available by the University Grants Committee, the university itself, and the Frank Parkinson Agricultural Trust.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher were hosts at a dinner given yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of On Bettino Craxi, President of the Council of Ministers of Italy. The other guests were:

Signor Giulio Andreotti, Signor Giovanni Goria, Signor Filippo Maria Pandolfi, Signor Renato Altissimo, Signor Clelio Darida, the Ambassador of Italy, Ambassador Umberto La Rocca, Ambassador Bruno Bottai, Ambassador Renato Ruggiero.

Professor Gennaro Acquaviva, General Giuseppe Piovano, Dr Antonio Ghirelli, Signor Antonio Badini; Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe, Mr Peter Rees, QC, MP, and Mrs Rees, Mr Michael Jopling, MP, and Mrs Jopling, Mr Geoffrey Pattie, MP and Mrs Pattie, Lord and Lady Aldington, Lord Thorneycroft, CH, and Lady Thorneycroft, Baroness Elles and Mr Neil Elles, Lady Forte, Mr James Callaghan, MP, and Mrs Callaghan.

Sir John and Lady Clark, Sir Austin and Lady Pearce, Sir Anthony Kershaw, MP, and Lady Kershaw, Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, and Lady Rossi, Sir Robert Armstrong, Lord Bridges, Mr and Mrs Derek Thomas, Mr and Mrs Charles Powell and Mr and Mrs Andrew Turnbull.

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor last night entertained at dinner at the Mansion House. The other speakers were the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Governor of the Bank of England, the Chairman of the Stock Exchange and the Chairman of Lloyd's, who were accompanied by their ladies. The other guests were bankers and merchants of the City of London, members of the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and members of the Court of Common Council and their ladies.

Pattenmakers' Company
The Master of the Pattenmakers' Company, Mr A. J. Y. Magnus, presided at a court dinner held last night at Barber Surgeons' Hall. Dr K. C. D. Steen proposed the toast to the guests and the reply was made by Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, MP.

Insurers' Company
The Master of the Insurers' Company, Mr. Julius A. S. Neave, was host at a livery dinner held yesterday at Clothworkers' Hall. The other speakers were the Master of the Chartered Accountants' Company: Sir Kenneth Cork, Mr Justice Farquharson and the Senior Warden, Mr Frank Holland.

Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene
The Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene held its Harben and conference dinner at the Savoy Hotel, Blackpool, last night. The guests of honour were Dr R. D. Catterall, Middlesex Hospital, who had earlier delivered the 1984 Harben Lecture, and the Mayor of Blackpool. The guests were received by Dr C. D. L. Lycett, chairman of council, and Mrs Lycett.

St Luke's Feast
The Painter-Stainers' Company held their St Luke's Feast at Painters' Hall last night. The speakers were Sir John Wells, MP, Mr C. Fisher, Renter Warden, Mr K. Rubens, Mr S. F. Everson and Colonel A. G. P. Lincoln, clerk. Among the other guests were the Masters of the Leathersellers' and Loriners' Companies, Lieutenant-Colonel M. Bourne and Major L. Gemson.

Company of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen
The Master, Wardens and Court of Assistants of the Company of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen, held a dinner at Tuckers' Hall, Exeter, last night in honour of the Mayor of Exeter, and the Dean of Exeter. The Master, Mr R. Dunsford, presided.

Chartered Surveyors' Company
The Chartered Surveyors' Company held its installation dinner last night at Cutlers' Hall. The Master, Mr David R. Male, presided and received the guests with the Senior Warden, Mr R. W. P. Luff, and the Junior Warden, Mr M. E. Taylor. The Master, Mr J. B. Jefferson and the Archdeacon of London were the speakers.

Shipwrights' Company
The Shipwrights' Company held its October court meeting in Ironmongers' Hall yesterday. Mr J. E. Neary, Prime Warden, presided, assisted by the Wardens, Alderman R. C. L. Charvet, Mr D. B. Kimber, Rear-Admiral M. C. Morgan-Giles and Mr G. R. Newman. Mr J. F. Denholm, Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, Mr J. G. Freeland and Mr A. B. Wilbraham were elected Court Assistants and admitted. Others present at the meeting and afterwards at dinner included Viscount Runciman of Doxford and the Earl of Inchcape.

Anchorites
The Trafalgar Night dinner at the Anchorites was held yesterday at the Café Royal under the presidency of Mr D. W. Neighbour. The principal guest was Alderman Richard C. L. Charvet.

Naval Historians
Admiral Sir James Eberle and Dr Neil Cossons were guests at a dinner held by naval historians at the Garrick Club last night. Professor Christopher Lloyd was in the chair.

Royal College of Physicians
The Harveian Oration was given yesterday by Dr A. C. Dornhorst. Afterwards Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians, Lady Hoffenberg and fellows entertained the following guests at dinner:

The Speaker, the Ambassador of China; the Bishop of Birmingham, Lord Flowers, Judge Brian Gibbens, Sir Douglas Black, Sir James Gowans, Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, Sir John Nabarro, Sir Eric Sharp, Sir Kenneth Stowe, Sir John Walton, Dr E D Acheson, Dr T H Bewley, Mr R Braham, Mr G Chouraqui, Mr K H Clarke, Mr M D A Clarke, Mr J P Cornford, Dr R C Curran, Dr and Mrs A C Dornhorst, Dr and Mrs A N Exton-Smith, Dr J D J Havard, Mr R E B Lloyd, Dr M C MacNaughton, Mr I Mackeson-Sandbach, Mr M Meacher, Mr H Orteu, Miss Sheila Quinn, Prof R Quirk, Mr J J Salisse, Mrs L Simpson and Dr I Sutherland.

Institute of Cost and Management Accountants
The President of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants, Mr Cyril W. Banyard, was host at a dinner held at Fishmongers' Hall last night. The guests were:

Sir Gordon Downey, Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, Sir Julian Ridsdale, MP, Sir Kenneth Sharp, Sir Leslie Smith, Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, Air Vice-Marshal A Maisner, Professor J E Allen, Mr J R Beever, Mr N H Blakstad, Mr D G Boyd, Mr I C R Byatt, Mr G Cartwright, Mr J A Clarke, Mr J A G Clarke, Mr R Close, Mr J A Collins, Mr L T Davies, Mr G I de Deney, Mr R C J East, Dr E B Farmer, Professor K P Gee, Mr J A Giblin, Mr P A D Giblin, Mr W B Godfrey, Mr R W Graves, Mr I Griffiths, Mr A R K Hardcastle, Mr G Harris, Mr P Harris, Mr P I Hayman, Mr K R Hodgson, Mr F R Hurn, Mr D J Hyam, Mr David Knox, MP, Dr B C Lindley, Miss E M Llewellyn-Smith, Mr J A Loveland, Mr B P Lyons, Mr P R Meanwell, Mr B W Mills, Mr N E A Moore, Mr C R C Morgan, Mr E P Morris, Mr J B Morris, Miss A E Mueller, Mr W V W Norris, Mr B W Oakley, Mr A Park, Mr E Parker, Mr M N Pickell, Dr G G Pope, Mr G Powell, Mr I M G Prosser, Mr J Reeve, Mr J D Rimington, Mr M T Roberts, Mr A W Russell, Mr B E Shedel, Mr J Smith, Mr N H Smith, Mr R S Taylor, Mr I N Tegner, Mr L V D Tindale, Mr E L Trew, Professor R Vangermeersch, Mr B D Ward, Mr C V K Williams, Mr A Wilson, Mr R J Withers and Mr A A Wittenberg.

Service dinners

HMS Drake
The Battle of Trafalgar was commemorated last night in the Ward Room, HMS Drake. Commander I. C. Bailey-Willmot, RN, presided and the guest of honour was Admiral Sir Peter Herbert. Rear Admiral W. A. Higgins and Commodore R. J. Husk were among those present.

Royal Naval College, Greenwich
A dinner was held last night at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, to celebrate Admiral Lord Nelson's victory at Trafalgar. The guest of honour was Rear Admiral Sir Anthony Miers, VC. Commander A. H. F. Wilks, commander of the college, presided.

Britannia Royal Naval College
Vice-Admiral Sir Simon Cassels, Chief of Naval Personnel and Second Sea Lord, was the guest of honour at a combined wardroom and gunroom mess dinner commemorating the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar held last night at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth (Captain G. M. Tullis, RN, in command).

HMS Mercury
At a dinner held last night at Leydene House, HMS Mercury to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, Commodore A. G. Rose proposed the toast to the Immortal Memory. Commander P. G. Edger RN, presided.

St George Barracks, Gosport
Mr B. H. Cousins, Assistant Under-Secretary of State (Fleet Support), and Rear-Admiral E. MacLean were guests at a dinner to honour the Immortal Memory of Lord Nelson held last night at St George Barracks, Gosport. Officers of 20 Maritime Regiment RCT and Project Oasis and their ladies were present. Commander P. M. Stevenson, RN, presided.

Engineer and Railway Staff Corps, RE (TA)
The annual dinner of the Engineer and Railway Staff Corps, RE (TA) was held at the RCT Headquarters Mess, Buller Barracks, Aldershot last night. The Officer Commanding, Colonel I. M. Campbell, presided and the guests included Generals Sir Roland Guy, and Sir Richard Trant; Mr C. T. McDonnell, Major-Generals M. Matthews, D. H. Braggins, R. E. J. Gerard Wright and M. E. Tickell, Honorary Colonel of the Corps.

The Rajput Regiment
The annual dinner of The Rajput Regiment was held last night at the Army and Navy Club. Major J. G. Harper presided and Brigadier R. B. Chopra was the guest of honour.

OBITUARY

MR G. MACKWORTH-YOUNG
Chairman of Morgan Grenfell

Mr G. W. Mackworth-Young, who died yesterday at the age of 58, had had a distinguished career in the City of London and at the time of his death was chairman of the merchant bank Morgan Grenfell & Co Limited. He was vice-chairman of Morgan Grenfell Holdings Limited, a non-executive director of the Union Discount Company of London, Plc; of Willis Faber Plc; of Lloyds Bank Plc, of Charter Consolidated Plc and of London & Scottish Marine Oil Plc.

He was also chairman of the British Invisible Exports Council and of the Industrial Development Advisory Board and a member of the British Overseas Trade Board.

Gerard William (Bill) Mackworth-Young was born on October 10, 1926 the son of Gerard Mackworth-Young, CIE, Indian Civil Servant and archaeologist, and educated at Eton. He served in the Welsh Guards from 1945-1948 and then joined Baring Brothers & Co Limited for whom he worked in London and in Australia.

In January 1952 he joined the stockbrokers Rowe & Pitman and in more than 20 years with them became a leading member in the London Stock Exchange.

He was invited to join the board of Morgan Grenfell Holdings in January 1974 as a vice-chairman and became Group Chief Executive a year later. After five years he relinquished the office of Chief Executive and became chairman of the bank, and his time in those successive appointments coincided with a great growth in the success and reputation of the Morgan Grenfell group.

He became a leading figure in the City of London and was always willing to respond to the increasing demands that were made upon his services.

He married in 1949 Lady Evelyn Leslie, daughter of the 20th Earl of Rothes. They had four daughters.

LORD HARRIS

Lord Harris, CBE, MC, died on October 16 at his home, Belmont Park, Faversham, Kent, at the age of 95.

The son of the fourth Baron, sometime Governor of Bombay and renowned as a cricketer, he was born on September 3, 1889, and educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, where he took his degree. He had served as a captain in the Royal East Kent Imperial Yeomanry and during the First World War won a Military Cross, was mentioned in despatches and was wounded.

He played a full part in public life in Kent and was a Justice of the Peace; a Deputy Lieutenant, and from 1948 to 1972 Vice-Lieutenant. He was chairman of the Kent Police Authority from 1945 to 1964 and Commissioner of St John Ambulance Brigade for Kent from 1940 to 1945.

He was an assiduous collector of clocks and watches and his collection grew to something like 200 pieces. The clocks, scattered about the house, were wound up each Sunday by Harris himself which made the first day of the week less of a day of leisure for him than for most. He was in the habit of carrying some five watches about his person.

He was Master of the Clockmakers' Company in 1960 and the first president of the Antiquarian Horological Society.

Harris was a prominent Freemason and from 1954 to 1973 was Grand Master, Mark Master Masons of England. He has also been Grand Master of the Masonic Knights Templar of England.

His father, who died in 1932, was, as has been stated, a cricketer of distinction ("the Nestor of the game", as *The Times* called him, who captained England, turning out even in the late 1920s for an MCC match in a starched collar and bow tie and narrow trousers held up by a necktie). The 5th Lord Harris could not equal his father as a performer on the field but he gave unstinting support and encouragement to the county club, of which he had been president, and to Canterbury Cricket Week.

He married in 1918 Dorothy Mary, daughter of the Rev W. J. Crookes, sometime vicar of Borden. They had one son, the Hon George Robert John Harris who succeeds his father. Lady Harris died in 1981.

MR STEPHEN JEFFREYS

Mr Stephen Jeffreys, who died on October 11 at the age of 61, was the first Secretary of the University of Lancaster.

With the first Vice-Chancellor Mr Charles Carter (now Sir Charles Carter) he was responsible for planning the development of the university which admitted its first students in October 1964.

Jeffreys coordinated the building programme of the university site at Bailrigg which first accommodated staff and students in October 1966. During the university's early years he helped to organize the foundation appeal which raised more than £2½ million.

Before going to Lancaster in 1963 Jeffreys was Deputy Registrar of University College, Swansea, where he played a major part in supervising a substantial development programme under the Principal, Mr John Fulton (later Lord Fulton).

After serving in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War, he gained a frist class degree in philosophy and political philosophy at the University College of North Wales, Bangor. He went on to study a postgraduate degree in philosophy of art at Oxford University.

HIS HON G. J. BLACK

His Honour George Joseph Black, DSO, DFC, who was appointed a Circuit Judge in 1977, and was for the previous five years a Recorder of the Crown Court, died on October 13 at the age of 66.

He had a distinguished career in the RAF during the Second World War as a pilot of fighters and fighter-bombers. He was awarded a DFC in 1942 and in 1944 was given a Bar to this award. That same year he was appointed a DSO. He had joined the RAF in 1939, became a sergeant pilot in 1940 and was commissioned in 1942. In addition to service in the United Kingdom he flew in the Middle East, Sicily and Italy.

The son of T. W. Black, he was born on January 24, 1918 and educated at Queen's College, Taunton. He was an articled clerk in Cardiff from 1935 until he joined the RAF. He was admitted a solicitor in 1947. After a period in private practice he joined the Legal Department of New Scotland Yard in 1950 remaining there *until he became a partner in the* Cardiff firm of Adams and Black in 1958.

He was married in 1955 and had a son and a daughter.

Colonel Harold Samuel White, MC, who died on October 4, was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Somerset in 1951.

Science report

Russia blamed over the depletion of fish stocks

By Tony Samstag

Commercial fisheries in Antarctica are on the verge of collapse, according to the World Wildlife Fund. The decline in many species may be as high as 90 per cent, with stock abundance dropping from one million to 100,000 tonnes.

Over exploitation is almost certainly the reason for the decline, the fund says. "From one season to the next, the USSR increased their catch of the most abundant species of finfish (Antarctic cod) from 2,000 tonnes to 430,000 tonnes. The stocks were further depleted by two additional heavy seasons."

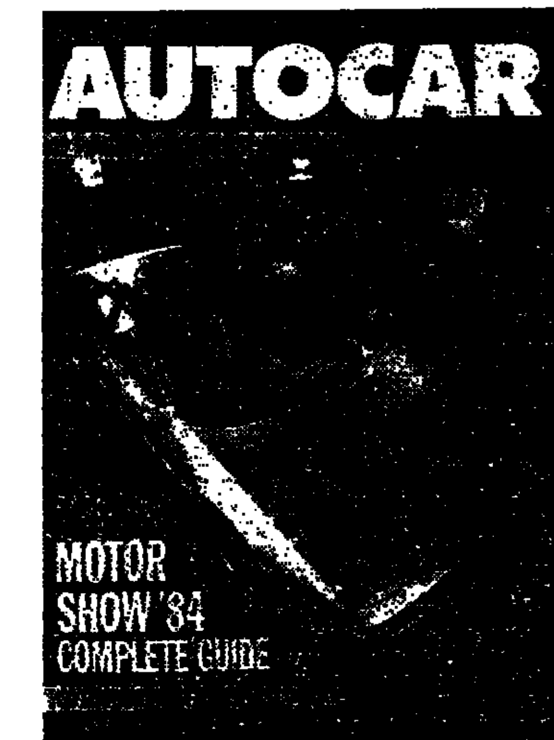
Scientists are also concerned at the increased commercial interest in krill, a small shrimp-like crustacean that swarms in its billions and is thought to be the single most important unit of the food chain in the Southern Ocean. (At night, adds the fund, the swarms of krill "light up forming shoals of living blue-green fire").

Krill, which feed on phyto plankton, are eaten by squid, finfish, six species of seal (two thirds of the world's total), great whales, and more than 50 species of bird. The Soviet Union and to a lesser extent Japan are the main fishers of krill, with annual takes increasing during the past 10 years from less than 3,000 to nearly a million tonnes.

The depletion of baleen whale stocks, which once accounted for 200 million tonnes of krill a year but now take only about 50 million, may help to balance the increasing Russian and Japanese catch. But American scientists on a research trip earlier this year were alarmed to see little or no evidence of krill where three years previously "super-swarms" six miles wide, 12 miles long and a quarter of a mile deep had been recorded.

Natural factors such as the aberrant El Nino current, which brought several degrees of unwanted warmth to the Southern Ocean, may well be responsible, the fund said. But the findings emphasize how little is known about the ecology of the krill; even its life-span, it is now suspected, may have been underestimated by 200 to 300 per cent, an error that would make current sustainable yield estimates for the species totally unacceptable.

Source: *WWF News*, no 30 World Wildlife Fund.



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Why don't the writers on The Economist have the guts to sign their articles?

When Mr John Gummer read in The Economist that recent cabinet manoeuvres had taken him from a 'pseudo job' to a 'non job' he didn't know whose hand had wielded the pen.

When Mr Ken Livingstone was lambasted for running an advertising campaign of 'crude dishonesty' there was no by-line on the article.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Lawson refuses to learn from past mistakes

Whatever may be said about the security of electricity supplies through the winter or the nugatory net effects on government finance this year of the cut in North Sea oil prices set against the rise of the dollar, events were bound to affect the immediate value of sterling.

The authorities, and Nigel Lawson in particular, have again helped turn more pressure into a full-blown sterling crisis by their perceived indifference to the pound/dollar exchange rate and their evident distaste for raising interest rates to protect sterling.

There has been no repeat of the Bank of England's foolish statement during the summer crisis that there was no domestic monetary reason for interest rates to rise. The bank has since acknowledged that the foreign exchanges play a significant part in determining domestic financial conditions. Yet the markets still remember that incident and will conclude from the Chancellor's speech at the Mansion House last night that the Government's basic position has not changed one iota.

Yesterday afternoon some dealers were reconsidering this perception. They responded to the unopposed rise in money market interest rates in London and the more sophisticated may have noted that indifference to the pound/dollar rate might not extend so blithely to falls in sterling's value against the European currencies. Some of the pressure can be seen as an attempt to test Treasury thinking and tease out a response. Markets were not sure what to think of the Government's tactics. If the Chancellor's speech clarified their minds, it will also have confirmed their worst fears. If interest rates again have to be jacked up to over-correct what Nigel Lawson deems over-reaction, it will be an wholly unnecessary product of his inability to learn.

Anglo-Scottish in the balance

The future of Anglo-Scottish Investment Trust is once more back in the melting pot. The management's plan to split the £53m trust into three – one unit trust and two specialized investment trusts – was duly abandoned at a shareholder's meeting yesterday because of the determined opposition of Mr Ian Henderson, chief investment manager of London & Manchester Assurance, which owns 8 per cent of Anglo, and his supporters.

Mr Ivan Boesky's Cambrian & General Securities, Anglo's largest shareholder, with 15 per cent of the equity, did not even bother to vote, leaving its ultimate intentions as inscrutable as before.

Mr Henderson opposed the Anglo proposals because, he said, they did not represent "the maximum value that could be obtained by shareholders." In truth, the argument is more to do with who manages the rump of the trust's money once it has been revamped – London & Manchester or the present management, C S Investments.

Formed in August 1983 by Mr Eric Crawford and Mr Sam Stevenson, C S Investments is no stranger to this sort of dispute.

In 1969, they founded Gartmore Investment Management, but left that company in acrimonious mood, in early 1983 when Exco International took over. They took the management of Anglo-Scottish with them. The trust now forms an important part of the £320m of funds managed by C S Investments.

London & Manchester argued that under the old plan, the two investment trusts would have slipped to significant discounts and that shareholders who cashed in after the reconstruction would have got 16 per cent less than the underlying value of the assets. Not so, says Mr Crawford. The true figure would have been 10 per cent and this compares with a discount of 25 per cent before the reconstruction plan was launched.

This argument, however, is little more than academic since the emergence of Mr Boesky, the clever Wall Street arbitrageur, as a big shareholder. The discount has dropped to about 7 per cent. Mr Henderson sits on the Cambrian board, but claims to have no knowledge of what Mr Boesky is going to do with his Anglo share stake.

Climbing down from a bill mountain

Without any assistance at all from the Common Agricultural Policy, the Bank of England has created a "bill mountain". Since 1981 when the Bank adopted its current technique of intervening in the money market, its holdings of commercial bills have risen to alpine heights, where they now account for perhaps 90 per cent of £11,038m "other securities" shown in the Bank's Issue Department balance sheet on October 10.

This situation, coupled with this week's extension to the commercial banks of the Bank's repurchase facility in gilts and ECGD-backed promissory notes, has spurred Mr Stephen Lewis of Phillips & Drew, to return to his theme of the Bank's shortage of suitable instruments for controlling the money market.

Mr Lewis has already argued persuasively for six months and 12 months Treasury Bills, albeit in the context of attracting more company funds.

Shortages of funds in the money market in recent months reflect the heavy official sales of gilts and National Savings instruments which the Treasury and Bank needed to drag the growth of money supply (sterling M3) back within the target guideline of 6-10 per cent.

Recent "overfunding", however, is not the end of the story. The speed-up of importers' VAT payments, due to take effect next month, will also tend to drain funds from the money market. The prospect is one of continuing stringency.

The authorities's scope for adding to their commercial bill holdings is now severely limited by the state of the Issue Department's balance sheet. No doubt in recognition of this, the Bank has left open the possibility of helping the money market with a new repurchase facility after the expiry the current arrangement on Novmber 14. Mr Lewis is in no doubt that the Bank will do just that.

Mr William Mackworth-Young

Bill Mackworth-Young died yesterday at the tragically early age of 58. He will be remembered in the City for his skills as a stockbroker and a merchant banker; for his vision and leadership, first at Rowe & Pitman, subsequently at Morgan Grenfell; for his gentleness and his humanity; and for his delightful sense of humour.

I remember his innocent delight when during a visit to the Far East he read that I had mentioned him as a possible future Governor of the Bank of England. "A lot of rubish of course", he said to me later, "but I did enjoy the extraordinary deference and the quite excellent service I received from colleagues and my hotel staff alike who had also read your story." A marvellous man.

Governor urges Whitehall not to raise bank taxes

By Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor

The Governor of the Bank of England told the City dinner at the Mansion House that "prompt and decisive action" had been necessary to rescue Johnson Matthey Bankers "to prevent any contagious spead to other members of a central and traditional London market."

But in a strong indirect message to Government not to attempt to raise further tax revenue from the banks, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton gave a warning against any "extra burdens" being placed on the banking system.

These, the Governor said, "must necessarily affect the willingness of the banks and their shareholders to see their funds used in an essentially discretionary way to help sustain the system."

There has been some feeling among the banks that the Bank of England has not been sufficiently forceful in the defence of its constituency, at a time when the banks are being urged to rebuild their capital base in the wake of the international debt crisis, as well as assume new financial responsibilities.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton took the opportunity of the City dinner to lay down a marker with his co-speaker, the Chancellor, at a time when Mr Lawson is known to be hunting thirstily for new sources of tax revenue.

The Johnson Matthey rescue, the Governor said, was "characteristic" of the City of London, in that it was a collective operation carried out at no real public cost.

But he said that the City's ability to act in this way "should not be taken for granted." Responding to criticism of the operation, he admitted that some aspects might "seem less than wholly statisfactory to some," but said that "one cannot always deliberate over the design of the house when the kitchen is on fire."

Chancellor expects stronger City after changes

The Chancellor told the City that there were "issues to be pondered on" in the case of Johnson Matthey, which illustrated "the hazards of ill-judged diversification".

But he had "no doubt" that the City would emerge stronger from the changes now taking place, and that there would remain a place for specialized institutions as well as financial conglomerates. Mr Lawson confirmed that he intended to give the building societies "powers to diversify in the financial and housing services areas", and was working out "firm legislative proposals".

But the Chancellor's main message was on the economy and interest rates in particular. He stressed that there had been no alteration of course.

The markets, Mr Lawson said have come to take a "more balance view of financial developments" since July. The following quotation from his speech contains his critical attempt signal his exchange rate policy (or non-policy) to the markets.

"In particular, they (the markets) have come to recognize that it is the monetary aggregates that are of central relevance to judging monetary conditions and determining interset rates. That has always been our policy, and it remains so. We take the exchange rate into account when its behaviour suggests that the domestic monetary indicators are giving a false reading, which they are not.

"Provided monetary conditions are kept under firm control, excessive movements, whether in the money or exchange markets in response to outside influences, will tend to correct themselves relatively quickly. The position is underpinned by the fact that monetary growth over the past 12 months is well withing the target ranges."

Rentals firm drops cable networks

By William Kay, City Editor

Mr David Hurley, managing director of Electronic Rentals Group, yesterday blamed the Government for the company's decision to pull out of the fledgling cable network market. It is the first significant company to do so since the Government began awarding franchises.

The decision will cost Electronic Rentals £1.5m before tax relief, after a bill for £2m to close lossmaking networks earlier this year.

Mr Hurley said: "We've been reducing our exposure to cable in order to hedge our bets, but the bets just aren't worth hedging. The timescale for making profits is far too long.

He added that the Cable Authority was delayed, the Department of Trade licences were delayed, the requirement for voice capability added to the expense and capital allowances were withdrawn in the Budget.

Electronic Rentals has been supplying television signals by cable for some years as a way of stimulating television rental. That policy will continue, but will instead be directed towards capturing signals from direct broadcast satellites on local dishes for transmission to local communities.

Asked if he thought other companies seeking cable franchises might follow suit, Mr Hurley replied: "I can't speak for them, but you have not seen too many others leaping around spending money on digging up roads to lay their cable yet."

Electronic Rentals will, however, press on with plans to use cable for security and surveillance systems. Expertise will be retained to fulfil all continuing contractual cable arrangements.

Discussions are underway on the future of the company's cable network in East Kilbride, Scotland, where new services have already been installed.

But unless the company can secure a better deal within a few days, this network will close next month. Plans to set up networks in Basingstoke, Bracknell, Crawley and Hemel Hempstead have been dropped.

Lloyds to merge its banking interests

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Lloyds Bank is to bring together its domestic and international arms into a single bank by merging Lloyds Bank International with the clearing bank. The aim is to improve service to customers by integrating operations more closely, cutting out duplication and reducing costs in various areas.

The merger, which requires an Act of Parliament and subject to this will happen in January 1986, is similar to the one Barclays is pushing through.

Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyds, said yesterday it should benefit customers, staff and shareholders alike. He said it had nothing to do with the recent leak of a document from Lloyds Bank International. The leaked document highlighted the difficult time LBI has been having.

Mr Brian Pitman, group chief executive, identified benefits from the merger in developing technology, in using the group's capital more effeciently and in reducing the group's tax charge. He also pointed to the benefits for both arms of the group from being able to operate off the group capital base.

This is expected to lead to greater flexibility

Racal locks up Chubb

Racal Electronics, Sir Ernest Harrison's defence electronics and communications group, last night won control of Chubb & Son, the lock and safe manufacturer after an arduous 10-week takeover battle.

Chubb had forecast a close result but in the end Racal sailed home with ease, recording an acceptable level of 69.8 per cent of Chubb's equity.

Mr William Randall, Chubb's chairman, said he would be meeting Sir Ernest this morning and his primary concern would be to safeguard his employees' jobs.

The £179m takeover is another notable succes for the corporate finance team at Hill Samuel.

Reckitt buys stake in bid target

By Our City Editor

Reckitt and Colman, the wines and household goods group, yesterday spent A$42m (£29m) on the Sydney stock market to buy a 14.9 per cent stake in Nicholas Kiwi, the Australian company which has spurned a takeover bid from Reckitt in favour of a rival offer from the US-based Consolidated Foods.

When Consolidated won Nicholas Kiwi's approval two weeks ago, some commentators assumed that that was the end of the matter. But Mr David Clifford of Reckitt said yesterday: "The Consolidated Foods offer is a complex one, and we do not accept that theirs is necessarily better than ours.

"We would welcome further talks with Nicholas Kiwi."

Mr Clifford says that the two bids are similar in value, but that Reckitt's Australian business would offer a closer fit with Nicholas Kiwi. Yesterday, the Australian Government said it had no objection to the Reckitt bid on grounds of foreign investment policy.

BT director resigns

Mr Colin Crook, one of British Telecom's top executives with a seat on the board, has resigned from the corporation a month before privatization. Mr Cook, aged 42, managing director of BT Enterprises, is to join an American-based multi-national computer company, which BT declined to name.

He is being replaced by Dr Peter Troughton, responsible for running BT's London area.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1088.9 down 10.9 (high: 1093.4; low: 1079.0)
FT Index: 834.5 down 4.2
FT Gilts: 79.41 down 0.39
FT All Share: N/A
Bargains: 20,090
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 100.07 down 2.03
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1192.14 down 3.75
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,759.87 up 17.0
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,028.11 up 10.58

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Index 74.3 down 0.9 (range 74.8-74.2)
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DM 3.6895 down 0.0515
FrF 11.3150 down 0.1450
Yen 295.25 down 3.50

Dollar
Index 143.6 up 0.1
DM 3.1180 down 0.0032

NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.1855
Dollar DM 3.1240

INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.596529
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INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 10½
Finance houses base rate 11
Discount market loans week fixed 7¾ - 7½
3 month interbank 11⅛ - 11

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10 11/16 - 10 9/16
3 month DM 6 - 5⅞
3 month Fr F 11¾ - 11⅝

US rates
Bank prime rate 12.75 - 12.25
Fed funds 9¾
Treasury long bond 104 5/16 - 104 7/16

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period September 5, to October 2, 1984, inclusive: 10.864 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): am $338.25 pm $339.50 close $340.00 - 340.50 (£294.50 - 259.50)
New York (latest): $338.10
Krugerrand* (per coin): $350.00 - 351.50 (£294.50 - 295.50)
Sovereigns* (new): $80 - 81 (£67.50 - 68.25)
*Excludes VAT

NEWS IN BRIEF

Building societies to merge

The Leeds Permanent Building Society is taking over the Leeds & Holbeck Building Society, which has 64 branches in Yorkshire.

Once the deal is agreed Leeds Permanent will change its name to the Leeds Building Society, which it has been unable to do while a rival operated in the area.

● CONSUMER SPENDING rose 0.5 per cent in the third quarter, according to preliminary estimates released yesterday. Consumer spending, in 1980 prices, totalled £36.8 billion, compared with £36.6 billion in the second quarter and £36.4 billion in the third quarter of 1983. The increase over third quarter 1983 is 1.1 per cent.

● ANCHOR CHEMICAL, the chemicals manufacturing and distribution group, has increased pretax profits for the six months to June 30 from £210,000 to £762,000. Turnover rose from £7.2m to £9m. The interim dividend is increased to 1.25p, against 1p last time.

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● THE HAMMERSON GROUP is raising a £40m unsecured loan to refinance short-term borrowings and back London office developments.

● CHINA may move the Bank of China from Peking to Shanghai because Shanghai's investment in manufacturing is considered to be near saturation point.

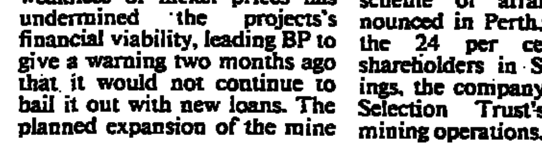
BP to reorganize in Australia

By Jonathan Davis

BP yesterday announced a financial reconstruction of most of its troubled mineral operations in Australia after confirming it faces substantial write-offs against the loss-making Mount Agnew nickel mine in West Australia.

The mine was one of a series of mineral assets which BP acquired as a result of the expensive takeover of Selection Trust, the mining house, four years ago. The continued weakness of nickel prices has undermined the projects's financial viability, leading BP to give a warning two months ago that it would not continue to bail it out with new loans. The planned expansion of the mine has been shelved, and new exploration will be pared to a minimum.

BP Asutralia, under the scheme of arrangement announced in Perth, will buy out the 24 per cent minority shareholders in Seltrust Holdings, the company which holds Selection Trust's Australian mining operations.



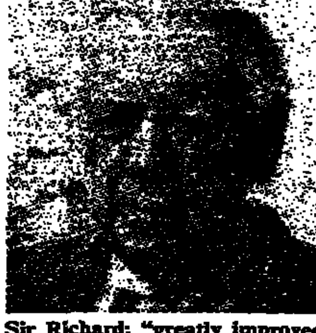
Cambridge professor wins Nobel Prize for economics

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Professor Sir Richard Stone, the Cambridge economist, has been awarded the Nobel Prize for economics. He is the fourth British recipient of the award since it was established in 1971, and the first to win it outright. The previous three shared the prize with other economists.

Sir Richard, aged 71, worked with Lord Keynes as an adviser to the Government during the Second World War. During this period he did much of his work on setting up a national accounting framework for economies, a framework which has provided the basis for the national accounts of all post-war economies.

This framework, measuring national income on the basis of income, output and expenditure, is cited by the Nobel committee as Sir Richard's main contribution. The committee awarded the prize "for fundemental contributions to the development of systems of national accounts", which has "greatly improved the basis for empirical economic analysis".



Sir Richard: "greatly improved the basis for empirical economic analysis".

Sir Richard, as director of applied economics and then Leake Professor of finance and accounting at Cambridge, set up the Cambridge Growth Project.

The project features detailed industry analysis and a complex input-output matrix, and has been used by a commercial forcasting service, Cambridge Econometrics, of which Sir Richard is honorary president.

Sir Richard, who has not been well recently, retired from his chair in 1980. However, he continues to work from home.

He has never taken a strong policy line in public, regarding himself as a technical economist. He did not join the 364 other economists who signed a letter three years ago protesting at the Government's economic policies, although friends say he was in sympathy with its contents.

The Nobel committee, as with last year's Nobel award to Mr Gerard Debreu, has recognized work carried out some time ago. Mr Assar Lindbeck, chairman of the selection committee, said yesterday: "It was only in 1969 that the prize was started, and there is a queue of older economists who made their great achievements in the 1940s and 1950s."

Sir Richard worked closely with another British Nobel laureate, Professor Sir James Meade.

The prize will be presented in Stockholm on December 10, and is worth Skr 1.65m (£157,000).

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Two join board of Lloyd's Life

APPOINTMENTS

Lloyds Life Assurance: Mr P G Baines, head of sales and marketing, and Mr J A W Meir, head of finance, have been appointed to the board.

Murray & Co: Mr Richard M Lewis joined the partnership at their Cardiff office.

Grants of St James's: Mr Ian Hannah has been appointed group marketing director.

Institute of Management Consultants of Scotland: Dr Keith Nimmo, serior manufacturing consultant with PA Management Consultants, becomes secretary and board member of the Institute.

Flight Refuelling (Holdings): Mr Peter Jackson will join the board on his appointment as managing director of Flight Refuelling Ltd from January 1. Mr Jackson is currently managing director of Davy McKee (Pool).

Sketchley: Mr Richard J Meyers has been appointed secretary/treasurer.

Executive Search: Mr Keith Tunstall becomes a director.

Thorn EMI Electronics: Mr J A S Bright becomes a managing director of the defence systems division and Mr D J George is appointed managing director of the communications division. Mr J Brace is appointed managing director of the radar division and a member of the executive management committee.

Norton, Rose, Botterell & Roche: Mr Edward Lee-Smith and Mr Stephen W. Parish have been taken into partnership.

HM Treasury: Mr Howard J. Hyman, a partner in Price Waterhouse, has been seconded to the Treasury for two years. He will be responsible for the provision of business and accounting advice relating to the Government's privatization programme and on the monitoring of economic performance and financial control of a number of nationalized industries.

Hodgson & Faraday: Mr Keith Stainton has been appointed chairman and Mr Denis Gamberoni becomes managing director. Mr Geoffrey Rowett, Mr Cyril Blansten and Mr Douglas Blansten join the board.

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INDUSTRY TODAY

BA starts to warm up the market

By Jonathan Davis

A first semi-official draft prospectus has appeared for the next item on the Government's privatization agenda

Next month's British Telecom share sale may be dominating the headlines and the television screens, but the process of warming up the stock market for the other great lumbering giant on the Government's privatization schedule, British Airways, is also now formally under way.

A detailed study of the airline by two of the four broking firms involved in the flotation, Wood, Mackenzie and Phillips & Drew was published yesterday. A sort of semi-official first draft prospectus, it marks the start of what promises to be an intensive crash course in selling to the City the virtues of BA as an investment.

The row that rumbled on through the summer between BA and British Caledonian over route transfers has left the sponsors of the issue with a demanding schedule to meet. The compromise solution wrung out of the parties at the eleventh hour by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Transport Secretary, has – whatever its merits as a political solution – achieved the Government's primary aim of ensuring that the flotation can proceed on target.

The official aim is that Lord King will bring his airline to the market in February or March next year, assuming always that the British Telecom issue does not flop and the stock market has recovered some of the poise and stability which it has lost in the last few days of feverish selling.

The remarkable turnround in BA's financial performance since Lord King was drafted in as chairman four years ago has been well chronicled. The airline's pretax loss in 1981 of £137m has been converted into a pretax profit of £185m in the last (1983-4) financial year.

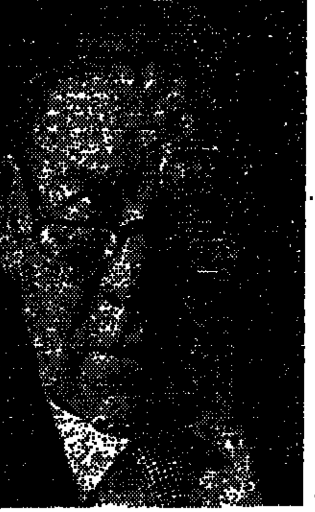
Another £429m of extraordinary losses were thrown into the 1981-2 accounts as Lord King and his chief executive, Mr Colin Marshall, imposed their tough restructuring and redundancy programme on an airline which, by common consent, had grown too fat and complacent for its own good. A further £208m went on writing down the values of large parts of BA's ageing fleet of aircraft and £199m went on severance pay as the workforce was slashed by 20,000 to its present level f about 36,000.

The task of selling BA to the stock market at a fair price still promises to be tough, despite the favourable outlook for profitability. The airline business is a notoriously volatile one, as well as being dengerously dependent for its welfare on factors outside its control such as economic growth and movements in fuel prices. The industry is still recovering from a disastrous slump in 1980 when the combination of recession and higher oil prices pushed it heavily into the red. A whole string of American airlines are quoted companies listed in New York, but complication for the BA issue is that British investors have no experience of trading in airline shares. The well-publicized troubles of Pan Am Braniff in the United States are hardly encouraging omens in this respect.

It is this understandable caution that Wood. Mackenzie and Phillips & Drew attempt to dispel in their new study. "The company is now in an extremely healthy state", they argue. "The current management team has established itself as being successful and the popularity of the airline is on the increase. For investors this presents a unique opportunity."

The brokers forecast that BA's operating profit will grow only slowly in the next three years, from last year's record level of £274m to £300m in 1986-87. Pretax profits will continue to rise more noticeably, however, as the airline repays more of its current £900m debt and its interest costs fall away.

They expect pre-tax profits to improve from £185m last year to £252m in 1986-87. Its annual interest costs should have halved by then to about £60m, as BA's debt burden drops to around £270m by the end of the period. This would bring down the airline's debt from 87 per cent of capital employed now to 26 per cent. The figure assumes that their financing of BA's new order for Boeing 737s will be taken off the balance sheet, but even if it is not, the brokers estimate that borrowing will be more than 39 per cent of capital employed.


Lord King: remarkable turnround


Colin Marshall: tough restructuring

BROKERS' KEY FORECASTS FOR BA

	Year to March 1984	1985	1986	1987
Productivity*	199	208	215	225
Airline operating profit £m	174	280	280	300
Cash flow (£m)	164	235	159	236
Pretax profit (£m)	185	189	220	252

*Measured as thousands of available tonne kilometres per employee

The brokers acknowledge that the "spectacular" profits growth which BA has enjoyed in the last two years will not be repeated. The dramatic increases in productivity and fare yields over that period will be impossible to maintain at that rate, and BA is committed to a heavy programme of spending to revamp its coporate image which alone could cost £50m over the next three years, they say.

BA will also have to weather the loss of its profitable Saudi Arabian routes, which are being transferred to British Caledonian as part of the compromise route transfer settlement. In return, BA is taking over BCal's South American routes, but these are loss-making; in theory the immediate impact will be to cut BA's profits by £18m a year.

Most of the cost of this will be felt in the next financial year, but the brokers endorse BA's view that the net impact on the airline's profitability may be less than £18m. BA should be able to make money out of the South American routes by tying them into its Caribbean operations in a way that BCal could not. In any case it will not be long, the brokers argue, before the deficiency is made up by higher revenue from other parts of BA's network.

These short-term measures on profits have to be set against the continuing substantial advantages which BA will enjoy after the transfers are implemented, Wood, Mackenzie and Phillips and Drew point out, in what is likely to be a recurrrent theme in the sales pitch for the BA flotation. BA continues to operate out of Heathrow, one of the best airports in the world, and its structure of international routes is one of the most lucrative of any airline.

The hacking away of unprofitable routes by BA's management between 1980 and 1982 has cut its passenger carrying capacity by 13 per cent, but has left it with a route network in which all its main market centres are now earning money.

Many of its routes are served by international scheduled services where fares are tightly regulated, and where the scope for a squeeze on profit margins through competition is severely restricted. North Europe, the Middle East and Africa (BAs most consistent money-spinner) are the areas where BA is most vulnerable to competitive pressures on fares. But the airline is well equipped, the brokers say, to offset lower fares by increases in off-peak traffic.

BA is now the most profitable international airline in the world, and analysis of its figures show that it has reached this position by a determined assault on its costs, with a consequent sharp jump in "breakeven load factors" effectively the number of passengers it has to get into an aircraft before it starts making money.

So since 1980, load factors in BA's aircraft have remained virtually static – with the airline operating at 63.4 per cent of capacity now against 64.6 per cent in 1980. But the breakeven load factor has been trimmed from 64.4 per cent four years ago to 55.2 per cent now. The difference has produced BA's profits.

Costs and revenue are likely to grow very much in tandem from now. The brokers expect BA's operating profits as a percentage of sales revenue to remain between 11 and 12 per cent for the next three years.

All of this is predicated, however, on annual growth in sales volume of 5 per cent a year. Whether this is achieved must remain one of the main imponderables behind BA's forecast growth in profits.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● SILENTNIGHT HOLDINGS: Half-year to July 28. Intm. Div. 1p (same). Figs. in £000. Turnover 37.750 (35.598). Pretax profit 1,100 (2,090). Tax 188-(12). Reorg. costs 222 (nil). EPS 2.03p).

● COMFORT HOTELS INTERNATIONAL: The purchase of the Dee Motel in Aberdeen for £1.07m has been completed. The Dee Motel which has already been under Comfort's management for five years on behalf of the previous owners, stands on a feehold site of two and a quarter acres

● SMITH, ST AUBYN (HOLDINGS): Interim 1. 5p (same). The board reports that the rise in base rates from 8½ – 8¾ to 10½ per cent during the period from April 6 to September 30 has resulted in the company making a loss, which is well covered by undisclosed reserves.

● CORONATON SYNDICATE (Figures in S. African currency). Year to Sept 30. Figs in R000. Divs received 288 (1.375). Pretax profit 175 (1.326). Tax 5 (30).

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Shares manage late rally as bargain hunters move in

By Derek Pain

The stock market suffered another tense session yesterday. Although equities closed well up on their low point of the day, the late rally lacked conviction and was prompted by bargain hunters and a few long-term funds taking advantage of the shake-out.

At one time the FT 30-share index and plunged a further 14.4 points to its lowest level since early August. But a modest rally developed and inrelatively thin trading the index recovered to close just 4.2 points down at 834.5 points.

Even so in three trading days, which have included the biggest one-day fall since the index was created nearly 50 years ago, the leading market indicator has tumbled 47.1 points.

The more broadly based FT-SE index closed 10.9 points lower at 1,088.9. It had been 20.2 points down earlier.

According the Datastream, yesterday's fall wiped £1,769 million from market values. In the past three days the slump is £8.5bn. The Datastram figure indicates that the second line stocks were hit particularly severely yesterday. The USM suffered a sharp fall. Its index post, more than 2 points to 100.07 points.

The markets were again fretting about the miners' dispute and the possibility of an oil price war following the Norwegian and British National Oil Corporation price cuts. With Abu Dhabi again reducing prices and Opec calling an emergency meeting, the oil sector remained unsettled.

The continuing problems of sterling on the foreign exchange and worries of higher interest rates contributed to the ragged state of the market.

Government stocks started with falls of up to £1 at the longer end of the market, but later recovered to close near their overnight levels. "Shorts", at one time down £½, also reduced their falls. The final money supply figures helped sentiment.

Imperial Chemical Industries, where third-quarter figures are due next week, turned in a remarkable performance, helping to ease the 30-share index's discomfort. After Wednesday's 22p fall, the shares fallied 12p to close at 664p.

There were indications that American investors were again displaying interest. Hopes are also running high that next week's profits will strengthen market hopes that ICI will make more than £1 bn this year.

Hawker Siddeley, the engineering group which played such a crucial role in Wednesday's slide, with its unexpectedly cheerless interim statement, was at one time down another 12p before closing 4p lower at 389p, a two-day fall of 58p.

Hanson Trust fell to 233p as two lines of stock went through the market. Once they were absorbed the shares recovered to close at 236p, down 6p on the day.

Imperial Group, down 10p on Wednesday largely on the British medical association's proposals for tighter restrictions on tobacco promotion, fell a further 2p to 157p before recovering to an unchanged 159p.

But Hoare Govett, the broker, feels the market has over-reacted to the BMA suggestion. Mr Peter Temple, an analyst, points out that any restrictions on promotion would lead to an effective freezing of market share and Imps, as the major force in industry would therefore benefit.

In addition the industry overall would save some £100m a year in promotional costs which particularly help Imps.

Horizon Travel fell 13p to 145p. Uncertainty over the level of travel bookings was one factor. Another was the failure of Grand Metropolitan to mount a takeover bid following its build up to a 4.9 per cent shareholding.

Grand Met would like an agreed offer. A contested bid, which could drive away Horizon's top management, would be self-defeating as the group wants the Horizon team to beef up its own package holiday operations.

BL, as the Motor Show continued in Birmingham, was hit by a flurry of selling from the Midlands and fell 4p to 39p.

Chubb, the security group, gained 13p to 280p before shading a few pence as **Racal** emerged victorious from the long-running takeover confrontation.

Applied Holographics, which graduated to the USM from the OTC market in June, is now ready to unleash its product on the world after 18 months of intensive research and development.

Yesterday it unveiled its hologram copier, the first commercial machine to reproduce low-cost, high-volume holograms under non-laboratory conditions.

Oils suffered another battering although by the close had recovered much of the ground lost. **British Petroleum**, at one time down 15p, ended at 456p, down 10p. Burmah Oil quietened down after all the takeover excitement with a 1p fall to 213p. **Enterprise Oil** fell 7p to 173p and **Shell** lost 15p to 611p. **Lasmo** drifted 2p to 306p.

Equity turnover on Wednesday was valued at £320.534m from 18, 494 deals. Gilt transactions were 3,059. Total number of United Kingdom and Irish stocks traded was 170.5m.

Profits of UDO Holdings, which is coming to the Unlisted Securities Market, have soared from £71,000 in 1981 to £805,000 in the year ended last July. The shares are being placed by Hill Samuel, the merchant bankers, and Wood Mackenzie, the broker, at 110p, putting them on a price-earnings ratio of 13. Dealings are due to start next Thursday. The company supplies almost anything a drawing office might need - from a pencil to an instant print service.

United Guarantee, the lubricants group, stuck at 17p yesterday, against a 49p high, although interim profits have surged from £75,000 to £257,000 and the dividend is doubled to 10 per cent. The profit surge is due to improved efficiency and has been achieved from sales £1.6m down at £7.1m.

WALL STREET

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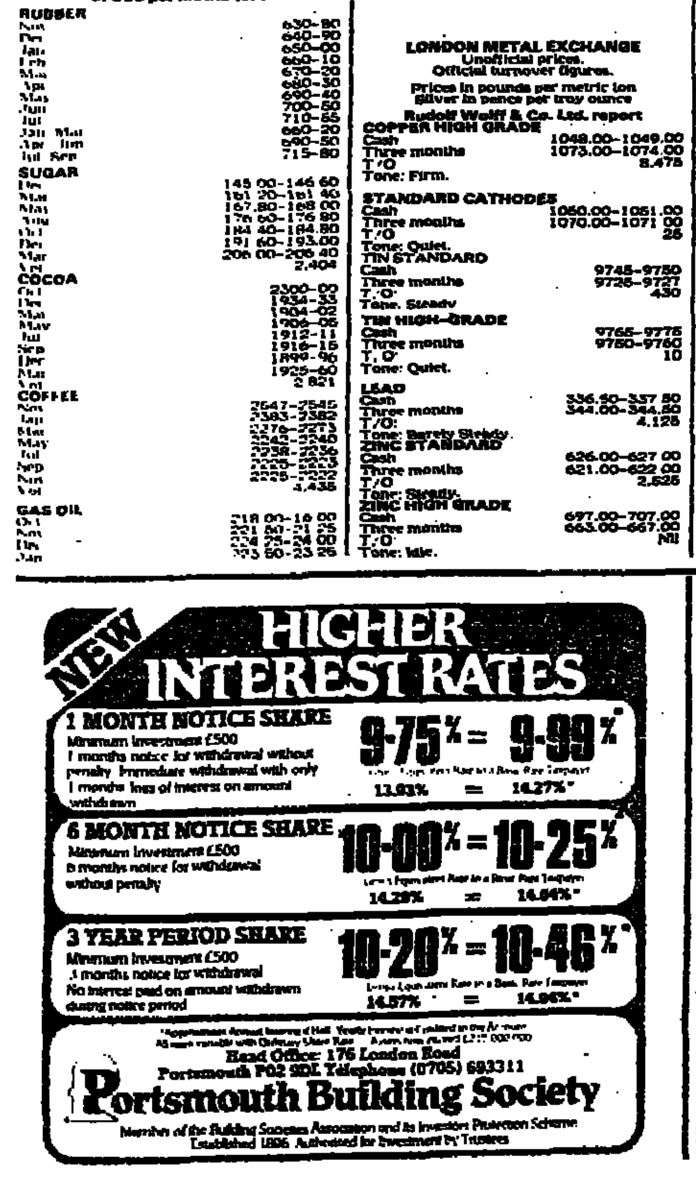
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Mar'85	–	–
Mar'85	–	–
Comment: Slightly weaker.		
STERLING		
Dec'84	1016	1.1885
Mar'85	1000	1.1890
Jun'85	–	1.1908
Comment: Slightly better.		
D-MARK		
Dec'84	82	3252
Mar'85	–	3273
Jun'85	–	–
Comment: Variable.		
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Dec'84	69	3947
Mar'85	–	–
Jun'85	–	–
Comment: Mixed.		

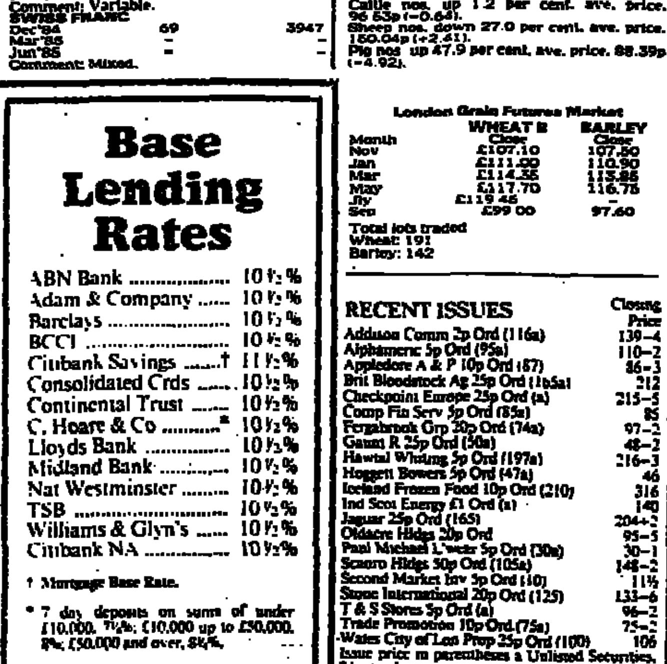
MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 18:
GB: Cattle, 94.51p per kg lw (−0.64).
GB: Sheep, 151.14p per kg est d c w (+0.19).
GB: Pigs, 90.46p per kg lw (−3.85).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 3.7 per cent, ave. price, 94.04p (−0.62).
Sheep nos. down 14.6 per cent, ave. price, 151.36p (−0.33).
Pig nos. down 6.8 per cent, ave. price, 90.52p (−3.84).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 1.2 per cent, ave. price, 96.53p (−0.64).
Sheep nos. down 27.0 per cent, ave. price, 150.04p (+2.41).
Pig nos. up 47.9 per cent, ave. price, 88.39p (−4.92).

London Grain Futures Market

Month	WHEAT B Close	BARLEY Close
Nov	£107.10	107.50
Jan	£111.00	110.90
Mar	£114.35	113.85
May	£117.70	116.75
Jly	£119.46	–
Sep	£99.00	97.60

Total lots traded
Wheat: 191
Barley: 142





Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10½%
Adam & Company	10½%
Barclays	10½%
BCCI	10½%
Citibank Savings †	11½%
Consolidated Crds	10½%
Continental Trust	10½%
C. Hoare & Co *	10½%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
TSB	10½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%
Citibank NA	10½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 7½%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 8%; £50,000 and over, 8¼%.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Addison Comm 2p Ord (116a)	139–4
Alphameric 5p Ord (95a)	110–2
Appledore A & P 10p Ord (87)	86–3
Brit Bloodstock Ag 25p Ord (165a)	212
Checkpoint Europe 25p Ord (a)	215–5
Comp Fin Serv 5p Ord (85a)	85
Fergebrook Grp 30p Ord (74a)	97–2
Gaunt R 25p Ord (50a)	48–2
Hawtal Whiting 5p Ord (197a)	216–3
Hoggett Bowers 5p Ord (47a)	46
Iceland Frozen Food 10p Ord (210)	316
Ind Scot Energy £1 Ord (a)	140
Jaguar 25p Ord (165)	204+2
Oldacre Hldgs 20p Ord	95–5
Paul Michael L'wear 5p Ord (30a)	30–1
Scanro Hldgs 30p Ord (105a)	148–2
Second Market Inv 5p Ord (10)	11½
Stone International 20p Ord (125)	133–6
T & S Stores 5p Ord (a)	96–2
Trade Promotion 10p Ord (75a)	75–2
Wates City of Lon Prop 25p Ord (100)	106

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. * by tender.

Cash call at Estates Property

Estates Property Investment Company (EPIC) is raising £7.64m by a rights issue, which will be underwritten by Baring Brothers. This will enable it to repay bank borrowings and reduce its exposure to fluctuating interest rates.

The issue consists of 10¾ per cent convertible loan stock, 1994-1999, at par, on the basis of £2 nominal of stock for every five ordinary shares. The stock is convertible at the rate of 62.5 ordinary shares for every £100 nominal of stock. Epic's institutional shareholders, Royal Insurance and National Provident, have undertaken to subscribe in full for their own entitlements, which are 11.33 and 7.85 per cent respectively.

Phoenix Assurance has renounced its entitlement to 29.64 per cent of the issue, with half going to Royal and half to National Provident.

In brief

● WALKER AND HOMER: Dividend 0.5p (nil) for year to July 31. Figures in £000. Turnover 22,529 (20,853). Pretax profit 455 (589). Tax 154 (credit 4). Extraordinary debit 77 (nil). EPS 2.25p (4.43p).

● RTZ METALS has reached agreement with Penarroya and Coframines, French mining companies, for the purchase of their aggregate 49 per cent shareholding in Somincor. Somincor is a Portuguese company, formed to develop the Neves-Corvo copper and complex ore deposits in southern Portugal. The consideration for the 49 per cent is payable in cash by RTZ Metals and represents considerably less than 5 per cent of the asset value of the Rio Tinto-Zinc Corp.

● SCOTTISH MORTGAGE AND TRUST: Half-year to Sept 30. Interim dividend 3.2p (2.9p). The board expects that the total dividend will be at least 6.8p (6.4p). Figures in £000. Gross investment income 8,950 (8,093). Tax 1,459 (1,552). Available for ord shareholders 2,758 (2,649). EPS 3.82p (3.67p).

● DAVIES AND NEWMAN HLDGS: Interim 3p (same). Figures in £000. Turnover 99,911 (78,722). Pretax loss 2,970 (loss 2,760).

● STRIKES RESTAURANTS: By October 17, acceptances of Garfunkels' offer for Strikes had been received for 6.01 million ordinary shares of Strikes (96.53 per cent). Of those acceptances, shareholders representing 5.46 million Strikes' shares elected to receive the cash alternative. All conditions, including the approval of Strikes' shareholders to the associated asset transactions as described in the offer document, have now been satisfied and the offer has become unconditional in all respects and the cash alternative has now closed. The offer will remain open for a further 14 days and Garfunkels intend to compulsorily aquire all outstanding shares.

● M Y DART: Half-year to June 30. Intm Div 0.25p (same). Figs in £00. Turnover 10,576 (12,023). Pretax profit 105 (loss 45). No tax (nil). The board reports that while profitability has not matched the company's ambitions, the board believes that action taken should lead to a further uplift in performance in 1985.

● CAROS CORPORATION: After its recent acquisition of a 78 per cent interest in the Australian electronics firm, Ran Data, Caris is to seek shareholders' approval for a change of name to Ran Data Corporation and the disposal of its main mining asset, its stake in the Union South joint gold venture near Kalgoorlie, Australia. The chairman, Ron Wise, explains that computer-related interests now comprise the company's most important activity and that the sale of the Union South stake will provide funds to assist expansion on the electronics side.

TEMPUS

Anchor follows the trend at last

Since 1978, profits at Anchor Chemical have risen and fallen in alternate years with almost monotonous regularity. This year will be no exception. Full year profits of £641,000 in 1983 were exceeded by yesterday's interim profits of £762,000 and with trading in the third quarter already showing sustained progress the company is in line for a record year.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of yesterday's results, which saw pretax profits more than treble, is that it has taken Anchor so long to produce this type of performance. The chemical sector is approaching the top of its cycle and for most companies the spectacular figures are already in the past.

The answer is to be found in the rationalization and restructuring programme which Anchor has implemented over the last few years. The balance of trading has shifted away from rubber chemicals into curing agents and monomers. Costs have been reduced substantially and at last the benefits are filtering through.

The company's erratic trading record makes it difficult to believe that this year's profit growth will be sustained and the shares, up 4p to 190p, a high for the year, might find it difficult to go much further unless there is any activity from the American group Leksi, which has a 29.2 per cent stake in Anchor.

Gilts

Last week's refusal by the authorities to allow base rates to fall was broadly vindicated by yesterday's events in the gilts market. At approximately quarter to twelve, the market's Panglossian optimism suddenly evaporated.

Short dated gilts shot through the 12 per cent yield mark, leaving the yield curve steepening into a classic angle of distress.

The detailed money supply figures for banking September carry the sense of confusion into official statistics. The growth in £M3 was far higher than the market had expected, at 1.3 per cent.

Sadly, bank lending, which had seemed to be on a declining trend from the peak Spring levels of £1.5bn or so, shot head from £700m in banking August to £1.46bn.

With both the main credit generators, Government borrowing and bank lending, behaving erratically, the authorities may be forced to maintain their reliance on a fairly quixotic array of funding instruments.

Public sector debt sales, for example in banking September, relied heavily on the National Savings 28th issue, which attracted nearly £900m, compared with gilts sales, for monetary control purposes, of just £74m. Outflows across the exchanges, which can be treated as residual funding, drained another £500m out of the system. Net non-deposit liabilities accounted for a further £200m.

Yet the double-edged nature of these funding techniques is clear. Net non-deposit liabilities have drained deposits from the system, as the banks wrote leasing business. But the Chancellor's bid to raise Exchequer revenues may reverse that trend. The competitive edge of the 28th issue perhaps kept mortgage rates high as the building societies bid for deposits. The impact of the sterling outlfows shows up in the 2.3 per cent rise in M3, after valuation adjustments to UK foreign currency deposits.

After these figures, the Government Broker's drive to sell gilts in banking October is hardly surprising.

High Street rents

The strength of the retail property market, currently the darling of the investment world, makes takeover bids in the high street well worth watching. Retail property has been outstripping other sectors of the property market for some time with real growth in both capital and rental values. The boom in consumer spending looks set to go into the next year with sales in the household goods sector very strong.

The institutions and private investors are paying top prices for retail investments in good locations and are vying for key sites both on the edges and outside towns, with potential for large stores.

As St Quintin, the chartered surveyor, and Laing & Cruickshank, the broker, point out, the traditional high street will have to adapt to changing circumstances.

This shift to large stores on the edge of, or out of town will make the high street shop uncompetitive in trading terms but will turn it into a potentially valuable property asset, for redevelopment or sale. The takeover bid by Dixons for Currys shows the attraction that a largely freehold retail portfolio has for an aggressively managed company with a good track record in property.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The pound continued under strong pressure on foreign exchanges yesterday, hitting a low against the dollar, and the basket of international currencies.

Early selling pressure saw the pound tumble to $1.1820, but it recovered in the afternoon, then lost this gain. The pound finally closed off the bottom, but still at a record closing low of $1.1860, a fall of 1.5 cents on the previous close. The pound also suffered against the continental currencies, and was heavily sold against the Deutsche mark, dropping to 3.6895, a fall of five pfennigs on the day. It closed at DM3.7050.

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range October 18	Market rates close October 18	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.1820-1.1970	$1.1855-1.1865	0.04 prem-disc	0.03 prem-disc
Montreal	$1.5700-1.5860	$1.5740-1.5750	0.17-26c disc	[illegible]
Amsterdam	4.1650-4.2100fl	4.1700-4.1800fl	[illegible] prem	[illegible] prem
Brussels	74.60-75.60f	74.60-74.70f	2 prem-3c disc	5 prem-9c disc
Copenhagen	13.31-13.43k	13.31-13.32k	[illegible] disc	[illegible] disc
Frankfurt	3.6950-3.7350m	3.7000-3.7100m	[illegible] prem	[illegible] prem
Lisbon	193.00-197.00e	194.40-195.80e	175-485e disc	480-1395e disc
Madrid	207.10-208.50p	207.20-207.40p	20-50p disc	100-150p disc
Milan	2275.00-2295.00lr	2275.00-2277.00lr	9-12lr disc	27-32lr disc
Oslo	10.65-10.73k	10.65-10.66k	[illegible] disc	[illegible] disc
Paris	11.31-11.42f	11.31-11.32f	[illegible] disc	[illegible] disc
Stockholm	10.41-10.49k	10.41-10.42k	[illegible] disc	[illegible] disc
Tokyo	294.00-298.00y	295.00-295.60y	[illegible] prem	[illegible] prem
Vienna	25.80-26.20sch	25.85-25.90sch	[illegible] prem	[illegible] prem
Zurich	3.02-3.07f	3.02-3.03f	[illegible] prem	[illegible] prem
Dublin	1.1940-1.2048p	1.1940-1.1950p	9-28p disc	48-67p disc

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 0.9 at 74.3 (day's range 74.8-74.2).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	0.9950-0.9980
Singapore	2.1670-2.1690
Malaysia	2.4090-2.4140
Australia	0.8305-0.8315
Canada	1.3280-1.3285
Sweden	8.7850-8.8050
Norway	8.9900-8.9901
Denmark	11.22-11.25
West Germany	3.1180-3.1200
Switzerland	2.5500-2.5530
Netherlands	3.5170-3.5200
France	9.5300-9.5400
Japan	248.68-248.80
Italy	1916-1921
Belgium(Comm)	62.80-62.90
Hong Kong	7.8248-7.8278
Portugal	161-164
Spain	174.90-175.10
Austria	21.88-21.93

OTHER £ RATES

Australia	1.4276-1.4306
Bahrein	0.4480-0.4520
Finland	7.6425-7.6825
Greece	149.70-151.70
Hongkong	9.2918-9.3030
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.3580-0.3620
Malaysia	2.8606-2.8691
Mexico	236-260
New Zealand	2.4636-2.4709
Saudi Arabia	4.2310-4.2710
Singapore	2.5755-2.5775
South Africa	2.1396-2.1464

Rates Supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

(%) calls, 11-10: seven days, 10¼-9⅞ one month, 10⅛-10; three months, 10[illegible]; six months, 11-10⅞.

MONEY MARKETS

The sliding pound sent rates firmer, posing the risk of a rise in bank base rates. Rates mostly ended off the top, three-month Interbank term deposits, for instance, registered 11⅝-⅜ at one stage, but ended ⅜ below their hightst point.

Activity was mainly directed to the area from one of three months in activity largely confined to reducing exposures. There was no material position-taking.

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Buying	Selling
2 months 10[illegible]	2 months 10[illegible]
3 months 10[illegible]	3 months 10[illegible]

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

1 month 10[illegible]-10[illegible]	1 month 11[illegible]
2 months 10[illegible]-10[illegible]	2 months 11[illegible]
3 months 10[illegible]-10[illegible]	3 months 11
6 months 10[illegible]-10[illegible]	6 months 11[illegible]

Local Authority Bonds

1 month 11-10[illegible]	7 months 11-10[illegible]
2 months 11-10[illegible]	8 months 11-10[illegible]
3 months 11-10[illegible]	9 months 11-10[illegible]
4 months 11-10[illegible]	10 months 11-10[illegible]
5 months 11-10[illegible]	11 months 11-10[illegible]
6 months 11-10[illegible]	12 months 10[illegible]-10[illegible]

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month 10[illegible]-10[illegible]	6 months 10[illegible]-10[illegible]
3 months 10[illegible]-10[illegible]	12 months 10[illegible]-10[illegible]

Local Authority Market (%)

1 day 10	3 months 10[illegible]
7 days 10[illegible]	6 months 10[illegible]
1 month 10[illegible]	1 year 10[illegible]

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: open 9½-9 Close 10[illegible]

1 week 9[illegible]-9[illegible]	6 months 11[illegible]-11
1 month 10[illegible]-10[illegible]	9 months 11[illegible]-11
3 months 11[illegible]-11	12 months 11[illegible]-11

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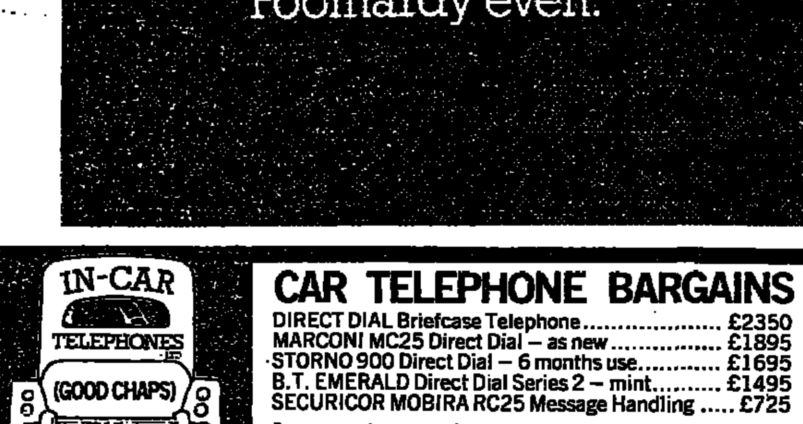
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Experienced exporters usually divide the country into nine marketing regions, he stresses. Closest to Britain is New England, one-time industrial centre of North America, which now has only 5 per cent of the US population.

As far distant again, and most disappointing in terms of British sales, is the Pacific region. It stretches from Seattle and Washington (home of the Boeing) to San Diego – and happens to take in Los Angeles, San Francisco and 14 per cent of American people on the way.

He does not advise rushing off to Alaska which, like Hawaii, are not usually included in the nine marketing regions. In 32 punchily written pages, he hammers home the point that much help and advice is freely available, as are copies of his book from Room 235, the BOTB, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET.

Watching who builds what

By Lorna Bourke

It is not always the inventor of a product or the initiator of a concept who is best placed to see the commercial applications. Geoff Marsh started compiling information on who was developing what City office block, where, and who the main contractors were, he was working as chief property analyst at the chartered surveyors, Jones Lang Wooteen. He knew there was a wide demand for this sort of data, because a steady flow of people phone, seeking specific details.

It was only when he met up with Stephen Usher-Smith and Peter Brown, a computer expert, that the commercial applications of the data he had amassed, dawned on him.

Mr Marsh explains "Stephen pointed out that there were loads of people, from office-cleaning contractors to design consultant, people not directly involved in the property business – who would be delighted to get their hands on this information."

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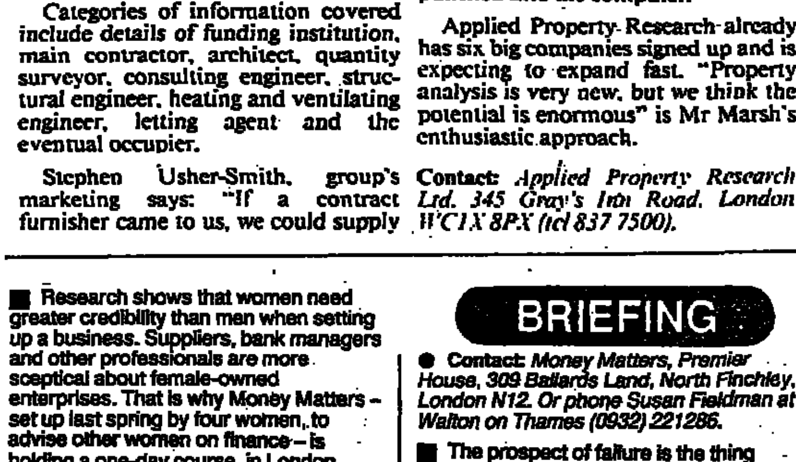
Planning permissions are researched by Mr Marsh, who reckons he knows his way around Westminster planning department better than some of its staff. And as a marathon runner he uses his spare time when training to run through the City and West End, looking at precisely who is doing what.

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■ The prospect of failure is the thing most would-be entrepreneurs push to the back of their minds. But the biggest single cause of companies' collapsing, the way in which cash requirements increase in direct proportion to the build-up of turnover, results often from management's not catering for it in advance. So says Brian Warnes, managing director of Midland Bank Venture Capital, in the sixth edition of *Sources of Business Finance*, just published at £4.95, plus 35p postage.

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FOOTBALL: THE RIGHT FORMATIONS GIVE ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND PROMISING STARTS

Sports Commentary

David Miller

The best thing about England's World Cup victory over moderate Finland was not so much the emergence of Mark Hateley as an old-fashioned English centre forward genuinely capable of frightening even the better foreign defences, but that five goals were scored and the television screens were blank. The worst thing is that the next opportunity to entice a newly enthusiastic public back to Wembley is not for five months, Brazil having been invited for a friendly on March 27. If it were November, curiosity would fill the house.

Yet before you hurry to dial your travel agent or bookmaker to inquire about 1986 prices for Mexico – long, I suspect, on both counts – it is worth reflecting that one Finnish scalp on an October evening does not make Bobby Robson an imminent English version of Zapata. Let us be grateful merely for an encouraging start in which the promise shown against East Germany was handsomely confirmed, and should continue against Turkey next month.

What Robson should bear in mind about Mexico is that the conditions of altitude and extreme heat – it was 97deg when England kicked off at midday against West Germany in that fateful quarter-final in Leon – impose factors which alter the character of the game. The matches in 1970 were slow and strolling in midfield. Of the 95 goals in 32 matches, 43 were scored in the last half hour or in extra time, when fatigue eroded tactical organization.

Not the place for a 'running about' team

In other words, whatever England may achieve at Wembley, in Mexico they will need a team able, above all, to control and retain the ball, making it do the work. Playing at 7,000ft is not the place for a "running-about" team. In 1970 West Germany and Brazil, it will be recalled, had at centre forward the exceptional Muller and Tostao.

In such climatic circumstances a target centre forward, as he is nowadays termed, playing with his back to the defence, and with the skill to control absolutely the passes played through to him, is more economically appropriate, as Geoff Hurst was, than a more interchanging player. Bobby Robson wisely has reservations about Hateley, whose meteoric rise in four months from Fratton Park to Wembley and San Sio is in danger of making him a celebrity before he has justified the acclaim of stardom.

Robson said: "Italy has not improved Hateley, but it is a new experience in education. He is lucky to have Wilkins with him in Milan to guide him. He has immense potential. There are not too many like him in the world, with size, strength and pace. He will have more time to practise in Italy than in England, having fewer matches. When he can control a ball like glue, exclusively for himself, then we can start to talk about him being a great player."

Ball-playing central defender needed

Glorious goal though his second may have been, Hateley made too many errors, gratuitously pardoned by a happy audience, the like of which by Mariner would have been criticized. The post-war pedigree of tall, conventional, successful English centre forwards from Lawton through Milburn, Lofthouse, Tommy Taylor, Kevan, Smith, Hitchens, Peacock, Hurst, Royle and Chivers down to Latchford, is one which Hateley seems sure to join, but the real examination lies ahead.

The encouragement is that there is clearly the making of a team with balance. Can Steve Williams, three caps behind him, form the middle line with Wilkins and Bryan Robson? He has the steel of Stiles or Mullery – occasionally too much – but, as the manager observed, he needs to adapt to the specific right-sided responsibility: flexibility between defence and attack, concentrating particularly on supporting Hateley on the far post for knock-downs from crosses by Barnes.

My concern would be the partnership of two tall central defenders, Butcher and Wright. We may have no Bobby Moore these days – a great ambassador shamefully ignored by the FA at Wembley on Wednesday, when they afterwards entertained minor politicians and functionaries – nor even a Colin Todd. But it will be essential in Mexico to have one ball-playing central defender. The time may come sooner rather than later to switch Bryan Robson and recall ... or Cowans on the left. There is seldom a successful national team without an outstanding player as a free, roving central defender.

Robson stumbles across a solution

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Thirty nations have now crossed the starting line in the seven World Cup qualifying races that are to be run between Europe and Mexico. East Germany and Turkey have yet to join in, nine others have been left behind in the blocks and England, after their opening burst on Wednesday night, have emerged at the head of the field.

Their victory, 5-0 over Finland at Wembley, is the most convincing so far. Even the reigning European champions from France set off at a more leisurely pace last Saturday in Luxembourg. Bobby Robson, whose preparations lasted effectively for only 20 minutes, cannot realistically have expected his chosen men to respond more positively.

None more so than Hateley, the scorer of the first and third goals. Robson, who described him as a composite of Tommy Taylor and Nat Lofthouse, has stumbled across the answer to his attacking problem. But for injuries, the young centre forward would not have risen to prominence either in South America or in midweek.

Hateley, now furthering his education in Italy, is still learning (none of his main subjects concerns the tightening of his control) but his potential is both rich and exciting. Unless he in turn suffers from some ailment, he is clearly the man who should lead England during the next 13 months in their attempt to qualify.

Mariner and, in particular, Withe are too old to be considered as the main contenders for 1986. Blissett and Allan are too inaccurate and Francis is too frail. Hateley's scoring record already surpasses that of Woodcock, who was involved in the messy second goal against the Finns but missed several opportunities to increase his own total.

Wednesday night was illuminated by another sparkling individual performance. Although the contribution of the uncapped Stevens was limited to 45 minutes, he proved that his value lies beyond mere versatility. He brought a balance and a liveliness to the right flank that was missing when Duxbury, who was faltering even before straining his groin and calf, was there.

Bryan Robson, who claimed the fourth, was as influential as usual before his also departed early to protect his troublesome hamstring. Wilkins was even more prominent and Sansom crowned a flawless display at left back by adding the fifth, his first for his country, with his right foot.

A thin veil of doubt still hangs over the central defensive partnership, of Butcher and Wright, since their lone task was to support the attack. Fenwick and Watson, whose solid resistance was one of the most encouraging features of the South American tour, are unfortunate not to be given the same chance as Hateley to confirm their combined promise.

The only other misgiving surrounds Williams, Southampton's captain, on the right side of midfield. Accustomed to taking the leading role, the left the post allocated to him by his country too often without reasonable excuse. But until the more gifted Hoddle comes back from injury and the less talented Lee returns to form, his position will remain relatively secure.

Although the progress of Barnes is disappointingly slow after his golden moment in Brazil, England's creative department in general – Wilkins in particular – is encouragingly full of thoughtful ideas. Seventeen clear openings were carved into the East Germans last month, of which only one was taken, and more than double that figure into the Finnish defence.

Yet England's triumph, crushing though it was, should be put into perspective. Finland are sure to finish among the European stragglers and may even be left holding only the two points they gained by beating Northern Ireland. That was their seventh victory in a Word Cup qualifying tie.

Finland are among the decreasing number of dwarfs that inhabit the continent. The others are Malta and Luxemburg, who both went down 4–0 in their opening games, Cyprus, and Albania, who lost 3–1 to the depleted Belgians. Others have risen in stature and are no longer overshadowed by the giants.

Switzerland, for instance, have yet to drop a point or concede a goal in group six. On a night littered with surprises, they defeated Denmark, who put England out of the European championships and went on to reach the semi-finals. Norway, another country with England among their recent victims, added the Republic of Ireland to the list.



Golden smiles: England's scorers Sansom (left) and Hateley.

Stein full of beans after finding right blend

By Hugh Taylor

Jock Stein pinpointed the reasons why Scotland have taken such an assured first step on the World Cup trail to Mexico in one word yesterday: blend. As he reflected on the 3-0 victory over Iceland which had been achieved by a bright, enthusiastic and occasionally polished display, he revealed: "It is blend that matters most in a World Cup campaign. You must get it exactly right."

His ingredients are hard professionalism, confidence and flourishes of traditional Scottish brilliance. Yet Stein is embarrassed: "I sigh and feel awkward when I realize just how many highly skilled players of quality we have had to leave out," he said.

But Stein is more pragmatist than romantic and he declares: "It is not necessarily the best players who make up the best team." While there remains a nagging worry that Scotland should have scored more goals against stubborn but inimaginative opponents, there is already an encouraging balance and maturity about the current side, which augers well for the home game against Spain next month. "There is a settled look about us," said Stein, "and that gives me confidence that we can gain top place in our group.

"Don't forget that this was the World Cup debut for Nicholas, Johnson, Cooper and Nicol, who all did exceptionally well and, more importantly, can only improve."

While 19-year-old Paul McStay distinguished the match with two goals and a display of all his superb natural talents, the manager was at pains to stress that it was the all-round team effort which gave the country their second successive win and proved that their emphatic victory over Yugoslavia was no fluke.

It has to be remembered that most of the players at Hampden were involved in the recent disastrous European championship which ended with Scotland firmly entrenched at the foot of a modest group.

So what has happened? The beaming manager explained: "The truth is that the World Cup is something else for Scots, and it looks as though this great competition has again steeled and prompted the players into fulfilling their real potential."

Irish eclipsed by Jacobsen

The Republic of Ireland's World Cup hopes suffered a blow on Wednesday night when they lost 1-0 to Norway in Oslo.

Pal Jacobsen eclipsed Liam Brady, of Inter Milan, and Frank Stapleton, of Manchester United, by scoring his sides winning goal, to give Norway thier first victory over the Irish since 1937 and their first win in four matches in group six.

Jacobsen ran on to a through ball from Larsen Okland to score three minutes before half-time.

Eleven turtles – that was how the country's biggest newspaper described Denmark's 1-0 group six defeat by Switzerland in Berne.

"It's not that we lost, it's the way we lost", said another paper, after the side's lacklustre performance. They fell behind to a superb goal by Umberto Barberis three minutes before the interval, and were never able to breakthrough a disciplined Swiss defence to equalize.

West Germany kept their record of never having lost a World Cup qualifying game by beating Sweden 2-0 in group two. A goal by the substitute Uwe Rahn, after 72 minutes – his first touch in international football – sent the Germans on their way against the dour Swedes. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge sealed victory two minutes from time, scoring his first international goal in almost a year.

Belgium scored two goals in the last six minutes to beat Albania 3-1 in their group one qualifying game in Brussels.

Hungary deservedly won their group five away match against the Netherlands 2-1 after coming from behind. Kieft headed the ball home from a corner to put the Netherlands ahead but five minutes later Detari equalized with a sizzling shot from 20 yards. In the second half Esterhazy clinched victory for the Hungarians and they could even afford to miss a penalty. The victory took Hungary to the top of group five with a four points from two matches.

Poland recovered from a shaky start to win their group one match against Greece 3-1 in Zabrze.

Absence of Rush is no excuse

By Clive White

There was not much left for Wales to say after a 3–0 defeat by Spain in the Benito Villamarin stadium in Seville on Wednesday evening had left them on the bottom of World Cup qualifying group seven without a point and with barely a hope of involvement in Mexico two years hence.

Mike England, the Wales manager, reiterated his frustration at not being able to play Rush, just recovering from his cartilage operation. The news that he might be fit to play in the Merseyside derby tomorrow pleased England considerably less than it would have done a week ago. There has been a tendency by England, I feel, to overstate the importance of Rush.

Certainly Rush would have helped Wales' cause greatly, but I disagree with England that it would have changed the course of this match. England almost drools at the prospect – certainly an exciting one – of playing together Rush and Hughes, whom he thought was magnificent.

England believed that had a goal by Hughes been allowed to stand, it would have put a different complexion on matters. But football is full of "ifs", and while the scoreline might have ended 1-1, it was much more likely to have ended 6-0 but for the exceptional goalkeeping of Southall.

Wales' hopes are now wrapped around the young players like Phillips and Slatter, the approval of a British knockout cup at the meeting of the four home associations next week and the prospect of winning all their remaining four qualifying matches with Rush to guide them.

Tottenham pin hopes on live link

Tottenham Hotspur, fearing that crowd trouble at their UEFA Cup match in Bruges next Wednesday could result in a ban from Europpan competition, are planning to set up a television or radio link at White Hart Lane, at a cost of £30,000, to relay the match live to their supporters, who have been urged not to travel. There would be no charge for admission.

The club have arranged a meeting with the UEFA general secretary, Hans Bangerter, in Switzerland on Monday to discuss their worries, and have sent back their allocation of 550 stand tickets. Tottenham officials are annoyed at the lack of cooperation from Bruges over crowd arrangements. Hoddle stands by for his first League game for eighth months at Manchester United tomorrow.

● Derby County have completed the signing of the Oxford United forward Steve Biggins for £20,000. Biggins will make his debut in tomorrow's home match with Hull City.

● Hearts completed the signing yesterday of Sandy Clark from Rangers for £35,000.

● Gerry Francis the former England captain, has signed to play for Swansea City for the remainder of the season. He makes his first appearance for them at home to Walsall tomorrow.

● Colin Todd became part of Luton's first team squad yesterday when his international clearance papers arrived from Canada following his transfer eight days ago from Vancouver Whitecaps.

Allison puts will into Willington

By Paul Newman

Willington are hoping that the appointment of Malcolm Allison as manager will help restore their reputation as one of the leading non-league clubs in the north-east.

Willington won the FA Amateur Cup in 1950 and have been Northern League champions three times, but have had a lean spell in recent years. Only a year after relegation from the first division, they had to seek reelection to the Northern League this summer when finishing bottom of the second division.

Allison took charge of the team on Tuesday night and has made an immediate impression. Bill Stevenson, Willington's commercial manager, who was responsible for bringing Allison to the club, said: "The players have responded well to Malcolm, and he seems to be enjoying it, too. It's given the club a boost and there are already some new players interested in joining us."

Allison, who is receiving only expenses, was dismissed as manager of Middlesbrough earlier this year and has joined Willington on the understanding that he will help them until he finds a job elsewhere. His predecessor was Alan Durban, who was temporarily out of work after his departure from Sunderland and stayed only a few weeks after becoming manager of Cardiff City.

Gola League sides are continuing to find life difficult in the FA Cup. Of the eight who have had to play in the early stages, only three – Frickley Athletic, Kidderminster Harriers and Nuneaton Borough – are through to the fourth qualifying round. Wealdstone, the Gola League leaders, were knocked out by Grays Athletic (Isthmian League), Bath City by Frome Town (Western League), Gateshead by Blue Staf (Wierside League), Barrow by Marine (Northern Premier League) and Runcorn by Leek Town (Northwest Counties League).

Two Northern Premier League clubs have parted company with their managers after poor starts to the season. Buxton are to advertise for a replacement for Evan Sutherland, who had been at the club for only eight months, and Chorley are looking for a successor to Tom Hawarth, who was in his second season in charge.

Chorley have sold Chris Hunter, a forward, to Preston North End for £2,000 just nine months after signing him from the same club on a free transfer. Chorley will receive a further £2,000 if Hunter is retained by Preston next season. Paul Lillygreen, a midfield player signed from Newport County, has become the twenty-ninth player to appear in Yeovil Town's first team this season.

Ged Keegan, who won a League Cup winners' medal with Manchester City in 1976, has joined Altrincham, the Gola League club, after a short spell at Rochdale.

Malvern 7 Victoria College 0

Malvern extended a stormy welcome to their Channel Island visitors Victoria College, who were under strength

Changed days for striker who never struck

How Nicholas has been remade in midfield for his club and country




Megastar turned superflop turned midfield maestro: Charlie Nicholas has run the gamut of football's cliches in a year. No wonder he feels old.

"When you're young," he said, looking back down from the Olympian heights of 22 years, "you don't think about things below you – and I was only 20 when I hit the top in Scotland. But I've known a lot of bad times since then."

He came to London as Arsenal's new scoring sensation, but London unmanned him and he couldn't find the goal. He appeared in newspaper centre folds in white leather suits. He was a disco footballer with an ear-ring. It reminded one of poor old George Best, except that poor old Charlie seemed to have destroyed himself before he even started.

Sportsmen know what to say about this sort of thing. I never let the pressure get to me. I've never worried about the press. I always knew the goals would start coming again. Nicholas happens to be more thoughtful than that. "I really did feel under pressure last year An awful lot of pressure. Not at first. At first it all seemed so easy." Two goals in the second match. "Charlie Pays Off" in the headlines, and it looked like a case of light the blue touchpaper and stand well back.

"It was in the fourth and fifth match that the pressure started. We were beaten by Manchester United, and then by Liverpool, and it all started going wrong. Arsenal play a different system to Celtic: at Celtic I used to get the ball all the time. Now I wasn't getting passes. I wasn't fitting in. And I started feeling envious of Ian Rush, even of Norman Whiteside. They were getting goals. Why not me?"

The premature obituary writers had a fine time of it last year as Nicholas's sombre November declined into Stygian December. Nicholas, it was said, had gone to the wrong club, and for the wrong reason. London, the downfall of many a Scot, seemed to have destroyed him.

"Being in London was at first like being on holiday all the time. Everything open all the time – it was not like that in Glasgow!" he said. "But I really did not come to London to make money from commercial interest. I mean, you can do just as well in Manchester or Liverpool. I just wanted to play for the right club.

"Liverpool – well, I wasn't going to make them *better*, was I!" They could only fall off from their high standards, and I didn't want to be a part of that. I *did* want to go to Manchester United. And I liked Ron Atkinson. But I just sensed the club was not right for me. I panicked at the time. . . ."

Arsenal hardly seemed the right club for him, either. Nicholas became the striker who never struck.

When the goal-scoring sensation of yesterday starts to feel the weight of his years, and "the legs start to go," as footballese has it, he steps back into midfield. This is what happened to Nicholas

It was also a new trade, and one that took a few months to learn. He watched Platini win the European championship for France from midfield, and his footballing imagination was fired once again. The move to midfield has been not so much the making of him as the remaking.

"I can see what's going on," he said. "At first I thought I wouldn't be allowed into the box, but after watching Platini, I'm coming into the box at the right time, and I can see it all in front of me. I see the whole picture. And I think vision is my greatest asset. Look at the players who are the real crowd pleasers these days – Hoddle, Souness, Dalglish – they are all players whose best talent is their vision."



Charlie Nicholas: "I've known a lot of bad times".

And so we now have the older, wiser, deep-lying Charlie Nicholas. "I regret some of the things I did in London at first, some of the pictures I did for newspapers before I'd kicked a ball. Last year the fans must have been saying, have we signed a model, or what?

"But I've changed in a year. I've hardened myself. I say 'no' when I want to. I feel more responsible to the club. If I get headlines after a good game these days, well, it's nice, but I know it's down to the team. And that's how I think of myself – just part of the team."

No ordinary team, though. Nicholas has had too intimate a relationship with disappointment to predict that Arsenal will win the championship, despite current form ("In 10 games' time, it could be a two-horse race between Liverpool and United again"), but he certainly thinks Arsenal have a team right now.

"Last year we were building. Then Paul Mariner joined, and he blew it all open. He cheered up the dressing room, and he's really encouraging on the pitch."

So the problems are all over now? "Well, you always say that when things are going well, don't you? But there's a real buzz at Arsenal, and it's great to be a part of it. I feel I was right about Arsenal all along. It can all change, of course – that's why football is so exciting. But I'm a bubbly person – it's nice to bubble again, you know".

GOLF

Player nominates Ballesteros as best in the world

From Mitchell Platts, Madrid

Who is the best golfer in the world? That perennial debate, currently featuring Severiano Ballesteros and Tom Watson, received further food for thought after Ballesteros had compiled a 66 – six under par – for the first round lead in the Johnnie Wiket Trophy on the La Moraleja course here yesterday.

Gary Player, who partnered Ballesteros, and who has won a thing or two in his time, has no doubts. "There is no question that Seve is the best," Player insisted. "Why? Because he has a greater selection of shots, a super short game and a fantastic attitude."

There has always been a special affinity between these two great gladiators of the game. Remember, it was Ballesteros who partnered Player when the South African charged to a memorable win in the US Masters in 1978.

Ballesteros has moved on since then to win two US Masters of his own, in addition to two Opens. He has never won the Johnnie Walker Trophy but, after a 61 in the pro-am on Wednesday, which included a hole in one, he emerged bristling with confidence.

Player returned a 68, to be one of five players on that mark, but Ballesteros, relaxed and determined, was in no mood to allow anybody to overshadow him. He began with six regulation pars. But, with the news filtering through along the caddie grapevine that Bernhard Langer had started with four birdies in his first six holes, Ballesteros sprang to life with a vengeance.

Seven birdies in the next 10 holes, during which he holed from outside 10ft on five occasions, catapulted Ballesteros into the lead, although he spoiled the sequence by missing from four feet for another birdie at the last.

Ballesteros: still boyish

Player, who collected five birdies, is convinced that Ballesteros would fare better in America, in the long term, if he was married. Player says: "Sevvy finds the life difficult over there, which is a shame, but if he had a wife he would be more settled and I think then he would prove to all the Americans that he is the best golfer in the world".

The South African, of course, is clinging to the hope that he will win his first title since the Chile Open in 1980.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB unless stated): 66: S Ballesteros (Sp); 68: G Player (SA), B Langer (WG), J Rivero (Sp), J Gonzalez (Br); 69: B Dassel (It); 70: C Strange (US), M Pinero (Sp); 71: J Garaialde (Fr); 73: H Clark, J Anderson (Can).

TOKYO: International tournament: Leading first round scores (Japan unless stated): 65: T Shimpson (US); 66: S Kawamata; 67: T Nakajima, N Kanaumi; T Ozaki, K Suzuki; M Kuramoto; Y Iwashita; K Hasegawa. Other scores: 69: N Faldo (GB); H Irwin (US); 70: S Torrance (GB).

CRICKET

Zaheer the magnificent

Lahore (AFP) – Zaheer Abbas, the Pakistan captain played a magnificent undefeated innings of 168 to lift his team from the threat of defeat to the hope of victory against the Indian tourists on the second day of their first test at the Gaddafi stadium here yesterday. At close of play Pakistan were 428 for nine.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Mohsin Khan b Chetan Sharma	4
Mudassar Nazar c Gavaskar b Chetan Sharma	15
Qasim Omar c Mohinder Amarnath b Ravi Shastri	46
Javed Miandad c Mohinder Amarnath b Chetan Sharma	34
Zaheer Abbas not out	168
Salim Malik c and b Ravi Shastri	45
Wasim Raja c Mohinder Amarnath b Kapil Dev	3
Ashraf Ali c Gavaskar b Gaekwad	65
Tauseef Ahmed c Gavaskar b Maninder Singh	10
Jalaluddin l-b-w b Ravi Shastri	2
Azeem Hafeez not out	17
Extras (n-b 11, w 1, l-b 7)	19
Total (9 wkts)	428

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-54, 3-100, 4-110, 5-195, 6-212, 7-354, 8-394, 9-397.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 31-4-109-1; Chetan Sharma 29-2-84-3, Roger Binny 8-1-20-0; Ravi Shastri 46-12-80-3; Mohinder Amarnath 4-0-19-0; Maninder Singh 40-10-85-1; Gaekwad 1-0-4-1.

IN BRIEF

Wright in charge

Gordon Wright is to succeed Andy Norman as manager of England's men's athletics team. Wright was assistant manager at the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane. Norman is leaving his job as a Metropolitan Police sergeant and cutting down in his athletics commitments.

SNOOKER: The Mercantile Credit classic at the Spectrum, Warrington has prize money of £200,000. More than 70 professionals will play in qualifying rounds for 16 places from November 30 to December 4.

YACHTING: Jenna de Rosnay (US) set a women's record of 25.27 knots at Portland (John Nicholls writes).

West Germany's gold medal-winning Olympic dressage team will not be disqualified despite the discovery of promazine in Muscadeur. Procedures for tests had not been strictly observed.

POWERBOATING: Keith Schellenberg, from Eigg, set a British national record of 69.64mph for the IIIE class of offshore powerboat at Windermere.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

World Cup

Group three

ENGLAND (2) 5 FINLAND (0) 0
Hateley 2, Woodcock, Robson, Sansom 47,234

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	5	0	2
N Ireland	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Finland	2	1	0	1	1	5	2
Romania	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group six

NORWAY (1) 1 REP IRELAND (0) 0
Jacobsen 12,468

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	2	2	0	0	2	0	4
Norway	4	1	1	2	3	3	3
Denmark	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Rep Ireland	2	1	0	1	1	1	2
Soviet Union	2	1	0	1	1	2	1

OTHER MATCH: Switzerland 1, Denmark 0

Group seven

SCOTLAND (2) 3 ICELAND (0) 0
McStay 2, Nicholas Attendance 52,829

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Spain	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Iceland	2	1	0	1	1	3	2
Wales	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

OTHER WORLD CUP GAMES: Group one: Belgium 3, Albania 1; Poland 3, Greece 1. Group two: West Germany 2, Sweden 0. Group five: Netherlands 1, Hungary 2.

UEFA UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group five: Netherlands 1, Hungary 0. Group six: Switzerland 1, Denmark 1. Group eight: Belgium 5, Luxembourg 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Worksop 2, Hyde 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Dudley 1, Alvechurch 1; Folkestone 4, Canterbury 0; Milton Keynes 0, Aylesbury 2; RS Southampton 1, Dorchester 0; Rushden 4, Camb City 1; VS Rugby 3, Leicester United 1; Welling 1, Dunstable 1; Willenhall 4, Gloucester 2.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley 0, Coventry 2; Sheffield United 4, Newcastle 0; Stoke 0, Liverpool 2; West Brom 0, Nottingham Forest 2. Second division: Bolton 4, Grimsby 3; Doncaster 3, Sunderland 3; Hull 2, Wigan 1; York 2, Wolves 3.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Reading 3, Luton 2.

FA CUP: Third qualifying round replays: Blue Star 3, Gateshead 1; Buckingham 1, Haybridge Swifts 0; Whitby 5, Rylands CA 1.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bury Town 1, Great Yarmouth 3; Chatteris 1; Stowmarket 2; Sudbury 5, Haverhill 2.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Alleyn's, Dulwich 0, Cambridge Univ Falcons 4; Hampton 1, Salesian, Chertsey 0; Harvey GS 4, Oakwood Park 1; Highgate 2, Shrewsbury 0; King Edward's, Witley 0, Victoria, Jersey 0; Newport GS, Essex 1, Brentwood 3.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Bastia 2, Auxerre 2; Bordeaux 6, Metz 0; Brest 1, Sochaux 0; Lille 3, Strasbourg 0; Nancy 2, Laval 3; Paris St Germain 4, Lens 3; Toulon 1, Racing Paris 0; Toulouse 1, Monaco 2; Tours 2, Marseille 2. Leading positions: 1, Bordeaux, 21 pts; 2, Nantes, 19; 3, Auxerre, 15.

UAU MATCH: Loughborough University 3, Worcester University 3.

CALCUTTA: Asian Nations Cup: Group three, qualifying match: India 2, Pakistan 0.

SINGAPORE: Merlion Cup: Group A: Netherlands 3, Indonesia 0. Group B: South Korea 3, Chile 1.

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

SYDNEY: New South Wales Open: Leading first round scores (Aus unless stated): 69: I Baker-Finch; 70: R Shearer; 71: P Senior; 72: R Mackay; W Dunk; D Merriman; M Harwood; 73: R Stephens; R Davis; T Gale; P Fowler; O Moore; 74: M Bembridge (GB); R Pederson; D Clark (NZ); B Murray (US); G Norman; G Serhan; K Dukes; A Gresham; Kyi Hla Han (Sing).

TENNIS

ATP RANKINGS: 1, J McEnroe (US); 2, I Lendl (Cz); 3, J Connors (US); 4, M Wilander (Swe); 5, A Gomez (Ec); 6, A Jarryd (Swe); 7, H Sundstrom (Swe); 8, E Teltscher (US); 9, J Nystrom (Swe); 10, Jh Arias (US).

MELBOURNE: Melbourne Indoor Championships: Men's singles: Second round: P Cash (Aus) bt K Warwick (Aus), 6-4, 5-7, 6-1; M Freeman bt J Frawley (Aus), 7-5, 6-4. Quarter-finals: M Mitchell (US) bt B Drewett (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; C Hooper (US) bt M Leach (US), 7-6, 7-6; M Bauer (US) bt M Freeman (US), 7-6, 7-6; P Cash (Aus) bt W Masur (Aus) 6-1, 6-7, 6-3.

STUTTGART: Women's tournament: First round: S Goles (Yug) bt R Uys (SA), 6-1, 7-5; H Sukova (Cz) bt C Benjamin (US), 6-1, 6-3. Second round: T Phelps (US) bt S Hanika (WG), 6-0, 6-1; B Bunge (WG) bt S Goles (Yug), 6-4, 7-6; H Sukova (Cz) bt Y Vermaack (SA), 6-3, 4-6, 7-6.

TOKYO: Grand Prix tournament: Men's singles, second round: V Amritraj (India) bt M Davis (US), 7-6, 6-4; E Korita (US) bt W Scanlon (US), 6-3, 7-6, (7-4); A Gomez (EC) bt T Gullikson (US), 6-3, 6-7, 7-5; M Dickson (US) bt G Michibata (Can), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; M Wilander (Swe) bt B Testerman (US), 6-3, 6-2; J Connors (US) bt R Green (US), 6-4, 6-2; I Lendl (Cz) bt M Anger (US), 6-0, 6-2; R Krishnan (India) bt Z Kuharszky (Hun), 6-0, 6-4.

COLOGNE: Grand Prix tournament: Men's singles, second round: M Mecir (Cz) bt C van Rensburg, 6-0, 6-3; Tim Wilkison bt S Glickstein (Isr), 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; S Mayes (US) bt M Purcell (US), 6-1, 2-6, 6-3; P Slozil (Cz) bt E Edwards (SA), 6-2, 6-4.

MANCHESTER: Superbowl indoor championship: Singles, First round: (Port Talbot) bt C Knowles (Bolton), 7-3, 7-0; D Bryant (Clevedon) bt A Murray (Ire), 7-0, 7-2. Second round: G Niven (Manchester) bt R White (Lockerbie), 7-6, 3-7, 7-3; W Wood (Edinburgh) bt B Sutherland (Livingston), 7-2, 7-3; J Bell (Wigton) bt D Gourlay (Prestwick), 7-4, 7-0; N Burrows bt K Gabin, 7-5, 7-0.

BASEBALL

HAWAII: World amateur championship: Japan 9, Italy 1 (Japan qualify for finals); Taiwan 0, South Korea 2; Nicaragua 1, Puerto Rico 5; Cuba 9, Netherlands Antilles 2; United States 4, Netherlands 2 (United States qualify for finals), Panama 2, Dominican Republic 1.

FOOTBALL

CALCUTTA: Asian Cup: Group Three, qualifying match: Malaysia 4, North Yemen 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers 3, Queen's Park Rangers 2.

SINGAPORE: Merlion Cup: Group B: Iraq 3, South Korea 0; Argentina 1, Chile 0.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University 0, AFA XI 1.

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN LEAGUE: Zbrojovka Zilina 4, Inter Bratislava 2; Lokomotiv Kosice 1, Bohemians Prague 0; T J Vitkovice 5, Dukla Prague 1; Sparta Prague 2, SZTS Olomouc 0; Slovan Bratislava 0, Banik Ostrava; 0; Tatran Presov 1, RH Cheb 0; Dukla Banska Bystrica 3, ZTS Petrzalka 1. Leading positions: 1, Banik Ostrava, 13pt; 2, Bohemians Prague, 12; 3, Sparta Prague, 11.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Fluminense 1, Olaria 0; Corinthians 3, Santo Andre 2; Palmeiras 1, Ponte Preta 0; Santos 3, Taquaritinga 1; Taubate 1, Piracicaba 1; Internacional 1, Jau 0; Guarani 1, Portuguesa Desportos 0. Leading positions: Rio de Janeiro State: 1, Bangu 6pts; Zequal, Flamengo and Volta Redonda, 4; Sao Paolo State: 1, Palmeiras, 42; Santos, 40; 3, Sao Paolo, 38.

OTHER MATCH: Mexico 2, United States 1.

RUGBY UNION

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Loughborough 88, Warwick 0.

OTHER MATCH: Aston University 21, Keele University 6.

TOUR MATCH: London Division 3, Australians 22.

CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery 17, Newport 31; Bridgend 21, Swansea 30; Bristol 46, Clifton 6; Cardiff 9, Pontypool 9; Ebbw Vale 15, Gloucester 24; Maesteg 16, South Glamorgan Institute 13; Norwich 8, RAF 3; Plymouth Albion 34, Exeter University 7; Pontypridd 9, Aberavon 6; Tredegar 3, Newbridge 19; Headingley 41, Leeds University 6.

BASKETBALL

ANGLO SCOTTISH CUP: First round: Crystal Palace Supersonics 73, Worthing Bears 95; Bracknell Pirates 87, Hemel and Watford Royals 97; FSO Cars Warrington 101, Telford Turbos 84; McEwan Tyneside 75, Calderdale Explorers 73.

HOCKEY

LONDON LEAGUE: Cambridge University 1, St Albans 3.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: London University 3, President's XI 1; RMA Sandhurst 0, Army 9.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Third division
Cambridge v Wigan

Fourth division
Halifax v Darlington
Southend v Scunthorpe
Stockport v Crewe

RUGBY LEAGUE

Second division
Bramley v Salford

HOCKEY: Norwich Union International Tournament: Great Britain v Ireland (5.30); Netherlands v USSR (7.15).

BASKETBALL: Anglo Scottish Cup: First round: Sunderland v Doncaster Panthers (7.30).

GOLF: Aer Lingus Schools tournament: Qualifying rounds: Royal Wimbledon and South Herts.

BOWLS: Superbowl (in Manchester).

RACKETS: Pro-Am Doubles (Seacourt).

REAL TENNIS: Women's Handicap Singles (Hampton Court).

SPEEDWAY: British League: Wolverhampton v Belle Vue (7.30); Oxford v Reading (7.45). National League: Hackney v Canterbury, postponed, track waterlogged (new date, Oct 19).

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RACING: UNBEATEN IRISH COLT TO CONTINUE THE O'BRIEN STRANGLEHOLD ON DEWHURST STAKES

Law Society's chance to state classic case

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Law Society can continue Vincent O'Brien's stranglehold on the William Hill Dewhurst Stakes by maintaining his unbeaten record at Newmarket today at the expense of Local Suitor. First Nijinsky and then Cellini, The Minstrel, Try My Best, Monteverdi, Storm Bird and El Gran Señor, in that order, have been examples of O'Brien's fine touch in this race.

Without putting Law Society in the same league as El Gran Señor the word from Ireland is still that he will be very hard to beat following a particularly encouragaing gallop last Saturday. Nevertheless, it is conceded that it is still anyone's guess whether the best of the Irish is superior to his English counterpart.

One man who should know is Law Society's jockey, Pat Eddery, who shuttles to and from both countries regularly during the course of the season. Eddery has ridden Law Society in all his races and he also rode Bassenthwaite into third place behind Local Suitor in the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury last month. Eddery was reluctant to put his head on the block when we discussed today's race recently but I formed the impression that he thought that Law Society would be equal to the task.

Having been mystified by the total and utter eclipse of Gorytus in this race two years ago, Dick Hern will obviously derive enormous pleasure from seeing Local Suitor do well. Watching Local Suitor win that Mill Reef Stakes over six furlongs, he looked to be crying out for a longer trip, which is precisely what confronts him now, yet I still prefer Law Society.

If, as is thought, Heraldiste is much the same sort of horse as Presidium, he should not beat Local Suitor, bearing in mind the Mill Reef Stakes form. As for the others, I regard Waafi, a stable companion of the Royal Lodge Stakes winner, Reach, to be a greater danger than the French challenger, Noblequest, whose form, although good in his own country, still looks vulnerable at international level.

Following that encouraging performance a fortnight ago when she was surprisingly pipped by her stable companion Tundra Goose, Starlite Night is the big local tip to win the Rockfel Stakes. But experience and overall form inclines me to go with Ulla Laing who ran on really well to beat the smart Safka when winning the Firth of Clyde Stakes at Ayr.

Carrying the same colours as those that will be worn by Eddery on Law Society, Leadburn has a good chance of winning the Fakenham Handicap even with 9st 10lb on his back. At Ascot he wore down Insular in the final furlong, and at York only last Saturday Insular paid his conqueror a vivid tribute by winning his next race with ridiculous ease.

Not much has gone right for Frank Durr this season, so he will derive considerable pleasure if winning the the Phantom House Handicap and the Melbourn Handicap with Bee's Dance (3.40) and Suffice (4.45). Bee's Dance was runner-up to Far Too Young in his last race a fortnight ago, and in the meantime the winner has come out again and won a listed race in Ireland.

At Catterick I regard Quiet Fall as the best bet on the card to win the Zetland Guarantee Stakes, while at Lingfield, if the overall form means anything, Finian's Rainbow should get the better of Giada to win the Truman Bitter Stakes.

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 2.0 Duke Of Cambridge, Little Spark, Penzance Pirate. 3.10 Sharp Romance. 3.40 Saxham Breck.
CATTERICK BRIDGE: 2.30 Prince Of Beauty, Northern Parade. 3.30 Ma Gigi, Norska, Ravone. 4.0 Mystic Boy.
LINGFIELD: 3.15 Matchstick Man, Najl, Lowe, Charlie Burton. 3.45 Show Low. 4.15 Finian's Rainbow, Abbey Stadium.

Brocade boosts Harwood hopes

By Michael Seely

Guy Harwood started the Houghton meeting on a high note at a blustery Newmarket yesterday when Brocade confirmed her ranking as a high-class three-year-old filly with an emphatic defeat of Prego in the Bisquit Congnac Challenge Stakes. "If she comes out of this race all right, Brocade will probably go to France for the Prix de la Forêt," the Pulborough trainer said. "I'd like to keep her in training as a four-year-old, but whether she'd race over here or be sent to the United States to be trained, would have to be decided."

The race developed into a battle of wits between Greville Starkey on the winner and Pat Eddery on the runner-up. Eddery had Robert Sangster's Hungerford Stakes winner perfectly placed to challenge at the top of the hill, but when Starkey asked Brocade to quicken, the issue was quickly settled. The 5–4 favourite won by three lengths with Forzando three quarters of a length away, third.

Brocade has now won four of the five starts of her career for her owner-breeder, Gerald Leigh, the filly's sole defeat havding occurred at the hands of Teleprompter in the Prix Quincey at Deauville in August. "That was easy," a triumphant Starkey afterwards said. "Brocade doesn't even know she's had a race."

Like his friend and rival, Michael Stoute, who landed a double at Haydock Park with My Volga Boatman and Much Too Risky, Harwood has now saddled 90 winners this season. An important weekend lies ahead for the Sussex trainer. Rafi is strongly fancied for tomorrow's Dubai Champion Stakes as are Symbolic and Air in the Tote Cesarewitch the same afternoon. And on Sunday, Alphabatim will be attempting to become the first English-trained winner of the Washington International at Laurel Park since Karabas in 1969.

Other big race news came from Luca Cumani, who said that Rae Guest had been engaged to ride Tolomeo in the Champion. Lester Piggott, will of course, be on board Free Guest. "Both horses are in tremendous shape," the Newmarket trainer said. "Free Guest is obviously improving quickly, but she still has it all to prove in this company. Tolomeo, on the other hand, is very consistent and never runs a bad race."

Last season, the winner of the Budweiser Million finished runner-up to Corporant Wood, before being disqualified and placed fourth. "The horse is very well," the 33-year-old Guest said. "I ride him in all his work, and was on board the four-year-old when he finished third to Teenoso in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot."

The stewards were in action after Vital Boy had beaten Jerry Can by a neck in the Park Paddocks Handicap. After the stewards' inquiry, and an objection by Tony Murray on the runner-up to Simon Whitworth on the winner for "causing the interference in the last two furlongs", the placings of the first and second were reversed.

The head-on view of the camera patrol film showed clearly that Vital Boy had veered into Jerry Can at least twice, and in view of the narrowness of the winning margin, the authorities were justified in their action. "Justice has been done," Murray said. "Not only did Whitworth bump me, but his whip was also threatening my fellow." Whitworth took his reverse philosophically. "There was a high wind and I couldn't stop him. If I'd had rails on my left, I'd probably have won by a couple of lengths."

Tyrone Williams, on the other hand, escaped causing any interference when Kayus swerved right over to the stands rails before beating Milk Heart for Jeremy Hindley in the Fordham Handicap. Now with 50 winners to his credit, Williams flies to Denmark this afternoon for the Long John Scotch Whisky European apprentice championship.

Finally, William Hills reported heavy support for Law Society for this afternoon's Dewhurst Stakes. After laying Robert Sangster's Alleged colt to lose £14,000, they have trimmed his price to 13-8.



Sudden impact, taking command in the Fen Ditton Nursery at Newmarket yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole)

NEWMARKET (Ch4)

[Televised: 2.35, 3.10, 3.40, 4.10.]

GOING: good
Draw: no advantage.
Tote double: 3.10, 4.10. Treble: 2.35, 3.40, 4.45.

2.0 BOSCAWEN SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £3,019: 1m) (16 runners)

101 4300 AFRICAN STEAL (B Donald) W Musson 8-11 ... S Cauthen 5
105 040000 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE (B) (A Richards) C Brittain 8-11 ... G Baxter 4
106 00340 EL GALILEO (Mrs F Durr) F Durr 8-11 ... G Starkey 13
110 HIGH ENCOUNTER (R Ward) P Felden 8-11 ... – 15
113 000 LITTLE SPARK (B) (D McIntyre) R Sheather 8-11 ... T Quinn 2
116 000000 MOSS EMPIRE (Mrs H Beaufort) R Hannon 8-11 ... A McGlone 16
118 0000 PENZANCE PIRATE (B) (Mrs J Nicolaides) C Brittain 8-11 ... Gay Kelleway 5 14
121 SWEET DESTINY (Prince Yazid Saud) S Norton 8-11 ... J Lowe 1
122 00 TERRA DI SIENA (Roldvale Ltd) C Horgan 8-11 ... E Cullen 7 8
124 00 ASHBOCKING (T Warner) M Jarvis 8-8 ... B Raymond 11
125 000 CUSHY (N Hall) F Rohan 8-8 ... – 7
126 FLOWER OF TINTERN (D Laing) D Laing 8-8 ... M Malham 12
127 003020 FLYING SCARLET (D Hodges) P Makin 8-8 ... Pat Eddery 6
129 00 MAYFLOWER GIRL (Sir J Musker) W Hastings-Bass 8-8 ... T Ives 10
130 000000 MISS MAGNETISM (B Levy) G Blum 8-8 ... R Fox 3
131 000320 TOPHAMS SECURITY (R Topham) T Fairhurst 8-8 ... R P Elliott 9

1983: Blue Wonder 8-8 S Cauthen (7-1) D Elsworth 16 ran.

11-4 Flying Scarlet, 7-2 African Steal, 5 El Galileo, 6 Topham's Security, 8 Terra Di Sienna, 10 Duke Of Cambridge, Moss Empire, 14 others.

Newmarket selections

By Mandarin
2.0 African Steal. 2.35 Leadburn. 3.10 LAW SOCIETY (nap). 3.40 Bee's Dance. 4.10 Ulla Laing. 4.45 Suffice.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 African Steal. 2.35 Johnny Crown. 3.10 Kala Dancer. 3.40 Camisite. 4.10 Starlite Night. 4.45 Suffice.
By Michael Seely
2.35 Leadburn. 3.10 LOCAL SUITOR (nap). 4.45 Suffice.

2.35 FAKENHAM HANDICAP (£4,939: 1m 4f) (13)

201 1-0101 LEADBURN (D) (S Niarchos) G Harwood 3-9-10 ... G Starkey 12
202 00-123 JOHNNY CROWN (Studcrown Ltd) L Cumani 3-9-3 ... L Piggott 4
203 231-013 COULEE QUEEN (D) (A Boon) B Hills 3-8-12 ... S Cauthen 5
204 302240 ABERFIELD (CD) (G Kaye) P Kelleway 7-8-11 ... Gay Kelleway 5 2
205 000230 BUCKLOW HILL (N Nuttall) J Fitzgerald 7-8-7 ... A Murray 1
206 110000 DANCING ADMIRAL (D) (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-8-7 ... Pat Eddery 9
207 014134 CARO'S GIFT (D) (R Smith) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-7 ... T Quinn 7
210 133200 LAURIE'S PANTHER (L James) C A Bell 3-8-3 ... – 11
212 223000/ DRAGON PALACE (D Winfield) D Elsworth 6-8-1 ... D Brown 7 8
213 044041 KINGSWICK (CD) (G Greenwood) M Naughton 4-7-13 (5 ex) ... W Carson 13
214 101011 SARAH'S VENTURE (D) (Mrs J Jackson) C Horgan 5-7-12 ... A McGlone 6
215 040221 WESTERN DANCER (D) (Roldvale Ltd) C Horgan 3-7-11 ... M Hills 13
216 020202 QUICKSTEP (B) (M Simmonds) C Brittain 3-7-10 ... J Lowe 10

1983: Both Ends Burning 3-7-7 T Williams (8-1) H Candy 14 ran.

4 Sara's Venture, 9-2 Kingswick, 11-2 Coulee Queen, 6 Leadburn, 15-2 Caro's Gift, 8 Western Dancer, Johnny Crown, 12 Dancing Admiral, 16 others.

FROM: LEADBURN (8-13) driven out to beat Insular (8-10) 1l at Ascot with CARO'S GIFT (8-2) 4½l away 4th (1m 4f, £6097, good, Sept 29, 6 ran). JOHNNY CROWN, (9-8) 6½l 3rd to Fandango Light (7-9) at Ascot (1m 4f, £4852, good to firm, Sept 28, 9 ran). COULEE QUEEN, (9-5) 5l 3rd to Acerate, earlier (8-5) beat QUICKSTEP (7-7) ¾l at York (1m 4f, £3804, good to firm, Aug 23, 7 ran). BUCKLOW HILL (8-13) 7th to Insular (9-7), earlier (7-11) 4l 3rd to Crazy (8-13) at York. DANCING ADMIRAL (8-4) in rear (1m 6f, £42405, good to firm, Aug 22, 14 ran). DANCING ADMIRAL, (9-1) earlier beat Mubarak of Kuwait (9-6) 1½l at Sandown (1m 6f, £2933, good to firm, July 26, 9 ran). KINGSWICK, (7-7) beat Rostova (7-9) over course and distance, ABERFIELD (8-5) 8th and DRAGON PALACE (7-10) 11th (£4822, good to soft, Oct 5, 11 ran). SARAH'S VENTURE (7-13) beat Gourtionist (8-7) a neck at Goodwood (1m 4f, £2847, good to soft, Oct, 16 ran).
Selection: LEADBURN.

3.10 WILLIAM HILL DEWHURST STAKES (Group I: 2-y-o: £39,868: 7f) (11)

301 210324 BRAVE BAMBINO (Mrs P Yong) J Etherington 9-0 ... T Ives 9
302 1 HERALDISTE (D) (D Wildenstein) H Cecil 9-0 ... S Cauthen 1
303 1 KALA DANCER (CD) (R Tikkoo) B Hanbury 9-0 ... G Baxter 2
304 111 LAW SOCIETY (D) (S Niarchos) M V O'Brien (Ire) 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 3
305 11 LOCAL SUITOR (Shaikh Mohammed) W Hern 9-0 ... W Carson 8
306 11231 NOBLEQUEST (D) (Prince Bendar Al Kabir) R Collet (Fr) 9-0 ... Y Saint-Martin 10
307 412314 NORTHERN CHIMES (Mrs J Shune) E Eldin 9-0 ... B Raymond 4
309 31130 ROTHERFIELD GREYS (A Bingley) C A Bell 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 6
311 142024 SHARP ROMANCE (B) (C) (Shaikh R Al Khalifa) P Kelleway 9-0 ... J Lowe 11
312 1231 TOM BOAT (D) (Mrs J Bryce) R Armstrong 9-0 ... L Piggott 5
313 1 WAAFI (D) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 7

1983: El Gran Senor 9-0 Pat Eddery (7-4 fav) M O'Brien (Ire) 10 ran.

6-4 Local Suitor, 15-8 Law Society, 9-2 Heraldiste, 10 Waafi, 14 Tom Boat, 20 others.

FORM: HERALDISTE, (9-0) beat Severn Bore (9-0) 7l at Yarmouth (7f, £1452, soft, Sept 20, 20 ran) KALA DANCER (9-0) made all when beating Al Riyadh (9-0) 1¼ over course and distance (£4380, good to soft, Oct 5, 28 ran). LAW SOCIETY, (9-0) beat Concert Hall (9-0) 1l at the Curragh (7f, £42767, good, Sept 15, 9 ran) LOCAL SUITOR, stayed on well to beat Presidium (8-11) 1½l at Newbury, NORTHERN CHIMES (8-11) 2½l away 4th (6f, £16380, good, Sept 22, 12 ran). NOBLEQUEST, (8-11) beat Northern Walker (8-8) ¾l at Evry (7f, £24752, soft, Sept 23, 7 ran). TOM BOAT (9-4) beat Hidden Heights (8-1) by 1l at Sandown (7f, £3630, good to soft, Sept 26, 15 ran). WAAFI, (8-7) impressive when beating Moujik (9-0) at York (7f, £7674, good to firm, Sept 5, 7 ran).
Selection: LOCAL SUITOR.

3.40 PHANTOM HOUSE HANDICAP (£5,774: 6f) (21)

402 003030 SPARK CHIEF (R Tikkoo) F Durr 5-9-10 ... G Starkey 11
403 002300 CAMISITE (CD) (Times of Wigan) W O'Gorman 6-9-8 ... T Ives 3
404 210130 NEPHRITE (D) (Baroness Thyssen) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-5 ... S Cauthen 8
405 041001 KIRCHNER (B) (D) (Mrs J Green) G Lewis 6-9-5 ... M L Thomas 4
406 031002 ALAKH (B) (D) (Miss M Sheriffe) J Tree 4-8-13 ... Pat Eddery 6
407 420103 AMARONE (D) (V Advani) R Simpson 4-8-13 ... S Whitworth 5 18
408 100302 LUCKY DUTCH (D) (C Buckton) M W Easterby 5-8-12 ... M Hindley 5 12
409 200331 AMIGO LOCO (B) (J Li) K Brassey 3-8-12 (7 ex) ... R Hills 9
410 000300 ALL AGREED (T Waterman) J Winter 3-8-8 ... W R Swinburn 7
412 03-2113 IL TIGRE (D) (C d'Alessio) L Cumani 3-8-6 ... L Piggott 9
413 121000 FERRYMAN (CD) (W Plummer) D Elsworth 8-8-5 ... R Fox 14
414 021332 BEE'S DANCE (D) (Shaikh Mohammed) F Durr 3-8-3 ... B Raymond 15
415 0-21100 SCINTILLO (D) (W Martil) B Hobbs 3-8-3 ... G Baxter 17
416 430413 YOUNG INCA (D) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 6-8-3 ... N Carlisle 5
417 434600 PENTLAND JAVELIN (CD) (S Hill) R Hollinshead 4-7-13 ... W Carson 20
418 011000 MORSE PIP (B) (D) (Mrs S Maxwell) C Nelson 5-7-13 ... M Hills 1
419 214-00 NEW DIMENSION (D) (G Leigh) G Harwood 3-7-13 ... W Woods 5 13
423 000000 SAXHAM BRECK (B) (CD) (Lord Jermyn) F Durr 4-7-10 ... A McGlone 16
425 04-0000 ROYSIA BOY (D) (P Martin) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-7-7 ... J Lowe 2
426 4-00000 SHANLEYS STYLE (Mrs C Orme) Mrs C Reavey 4-7-7 ... – 21
430 223214 ROSANA PARK (D) (G Mills) E Eldin 3-7-7 ... A Mackay 10

1983: Camisite 5-9-7 T Ives (12-1) W O'Gorman 15 ran.

11-2 Alakh, 13-2 Young Inca, 8 Kirchner, Amarone, Lucky Dutch, 10 Il Tigre, 12 Camisite, Bees Dance, 14 Ferryman, 16 Pentland Javelin, 20 others.

FORM: KIRCHNER, (9-11) beat Susa Steel (8-12) by ½l in Sweden (5.5f, £15451, soft, Sept 30, 14 ran). ALAKH, (8-6) ½l, runner up to Able Albert (8-5) at Ayr with FERRYMAN, (8-5) 2½l away 8th and LEGAL SOUND, (7-9) a further 1l away 10th SAXHAM BRECK (7-11) a close 12th and SCINTILLO (8-1) 4l away 15th NEPHRITE (8-5), PENTLAND JAVELIN (8-5) and AMARONE (8-10) in rear (6f, £19878, soft, Sept 21, 29 ran). SCINTILLO, (8-9) had earlier beaten Stats Anna (9-7) 2½l, at Goodwood (5f, £4628, good to firm, Aug 1, 10 ran). LUCKY DUTCH, (9-3) 3l 2nd to Transflash (7-7) at York with AMARONE (9-4) ½l away 3rd, (8-1) back in 9th (6f, £7210, good to soft, Oct 13, 17 ran). IL TIGRE (8-6) 1½l 3rd to Flodabay (7-8) at Goodwood (7f, £3206, good to soft, Oct 1, 20 ran). BEE'S DANCE, (8-6) ½l 2nd to Far Too Young (9-3) over course and distance, ROSANA PARK (7-10) 1l away 4th and ALL AGREED (9-3 2l away 6th £5548, good, Oct 3, 20 ran).
Selection: KIRCHNER

4.10 ROCKFEL STAKES (2-y-o: fillies: £11,580: 7f) (9)

502 410 LOST CAUSE (D) (E Kronfeld) I Balding 8-8 ... Pat Eddery 9
503 13 MILL SPARROW (T Holland-Martin) R Johnson Houghton 8-8 ... J Mercer 4
504 31 PROFESS (CD) (R Sangster) M Stoute 8-8 ... W R Swinburn 6
506 1141 ULLA LAING (A Boon) B Hills 8-8 ... S Cauthen 1
509 0240 CHARGE ALONG (D McIntyre) J Winter 8-5 ... T Ives 5
511 ILTON MOOR (R McAlpine) J Hindley 8-5 ... M Hills 8
512 3 KASHI LAGOON (R Tikkoo) B Hanbury 8-5 ... B Raymond 3
513 2 SILKO (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-5 ... W Carson 7
514 2 STARLITE NIGHT (BF) (A Salman) H Cecil 8-5 ... L Piggott 2

1983: Mahogany 8-8 J Mercer (4-1) C Nelson 13 ran.

3 Silko, 7-2 Lost Cause, 4 Starlite Night, 5 Profess, 13-2 Kashi Lagoon, 8 Ulla Laing.

FORM: LOST CAUSE (8-7) 4l 5th of 8 to Oh So Sharp (8-10) in group 3 race at Ascot (8f, £21496, good to firm, Sept 27). Previously LOST CAUSE (8-11) beat PROFESS (8-11) 2½l into 3rd over 7f at Salisbury £1802, good to firm, Sept 12, 19 ran). PROFESS (8-11) has since scored neck course and distance victory from Over the Ocean (9-0) (£4425, good to soft, Oct 5, 27 ran). ULLA LAING (8-8) had CHARGE ALONG (8-3) 4l back in 4th when at Ayr (6f, £7688, soft, Sept 22, 12 ran). CHARGE ALONG showed improved form when about 6l 6th (8-11) to Park Appeal (8-11) 6f Group 1 event here last time, had ealier been 2l 2nd (8-8) to Green Leaf (8-3) at York when MILL SPARROW (8-12) was another 3l away 3rd of 7 (6f, £3895, good to firm, Sept 5). SILKO (8-3) 2l 2nd of 18 to Dafayna (8-11) at Ascot (6f, £8662, good, Sept 29). STARLITE NIGHT (8-11) short head 2nd and KASHI LAGOON (8-11) 3l 3rd to Tundra Goose (8-11) in 6f maiden here (4911, good Oct 4, 27 ran).
Selection: LOST CAUSE.

4.45 MELBOURN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £5,446: 1m) (13)

603 113 SUFFICE (D) (K Abdulla) F Durr 9-7 ... W Carson 1
606 140040 ROYAL HALO (D) (Mrs D Campbell) G Harwood 9-3 ... G Starkey 4
608 103104 TOPHAMS TAVERS (D) (R Topham) T Fairhurst 9-1 ... R P Elliott 12
609 019403 TEST OF TIME (CD) (BF) (A Chapman) H Candy 8-13 ... Pat Eddery 3
611 410034 VERCHININA (D) (W Gredley) B Hills 8-11 ... R Fox 8
612 0-01200 VIEW (B) (D) (R McAulay) B Hanbury 8-8 ... W R Swinburn 13
613 111-000 PREOBRAJENSKA (W Gredley) R Armstrong 8-7 ... M L Thomas 11
614 001300 FOOT PATROL (CD) (Mrs G Fane) J Bethell 8-6 ... – 10
615 044100 VICEROY LAD (B) (D) (F Broom) R Hannon 8-4 ... A McGlone 5
618 101223 NONABELLA (D) (BF) (P Bull) M H Easterby 8-0 ... – 7
619 201304 KUWAIT PALACE (B) (D) (Sheik Fahad) G Huffer 8-0 ... N Carlisle 9
621 0-431 LYPHANESS (A Shead) B Hills 7-11 (5 ex) ... R Hills 6
622 231220 GREED (D) (H Alexander) D Morley 7-0 ... NON RUNNER

1983: Habitassa 3-7-6 M Hills (6-1) B Hills 12 ran.

7-2 Nonabella, 9-2 Suffice, Lyphaness, 6 Royal Halo, 8 Test Of Time, 9 Verchinina, 14 Topham's Taverns, View, 20 others.

FORM: SUFFICE (9-10) beaten under 1l into 3rd, with 4th 6l back, behind Shmareekh (9-7) over 7f here (£5351, good to soft, Oct 6, 14 ran). TOPHAMS TAVERNS (9-5), having first run since June when weakened to finish 6l 4th of 11 to Tockala at York (1m 2f 110 yds, £2847, good to soft, Oct 10). TEST OF TIME (8-12) just over 1l 3rd of 9 to Macarthurs Head (9-10) at Ascot (8f, £5444, good to firm, Sept 27). NONABELLA (8-3) not quicken final furlong when 3l 3rd of 12 to K–Battery here (1m 2f, £5524, good, Oct 4). KUWAIT PALACE (7-8) 4l 4th of 14 to Lucky North (8-7) at Doncaster (8f, £8588, good to soft, Sept 13). LYPHANESS (9-0) driven out to beat Mount Cedar (9-0) 1½l at Haydock (8f, £1849, good, Oct 6, 13 ran). GREED (7-8) one-paced 6th of 14, beaten about 4l to Mels Choice (7-8) over 7f at Ascot (7f, £10519, good, Sept 29).
Selection: GREED

CATTERICK BRIDGE

GOING: good
Draw: 5f, 6, high numbers best

2.0 CRAVEN APPRENTICE STAKES (£767: 1m 4f 40yd) (9 runners)

1 090;0- ANNESLEY N Gaselee 5-9-0 ... M Lynch 7
3 0/4-00 ESTEEM D Chapman 4-9-0 ... C Nolan 6
6 000/0 TURI A Smith 5-9-0 ... B McGill 5
13 0-331 BIDIVERA M Prescott 3-8-3 ... D D'Arcy 7 8
15 1234 HOME SOLUTIONS (B) (BF) R Williams 3-8-3 ... David Eddery 1
16 0- HURRY DOWN H Candy 3-8-3 ... C Rutter 9
20 1 KUWAIT NIGHT G Huffer 3-8-3 ... G Carter 2
21 9020 MOSSBERRY FAIR J Etherington 3-8-3 ... – 4
22 0000 STATE AFFAIR M Jarvis 3-8-3 ... W Rimmer 7 3

1983: Pine Ridge 3-8-3 K Bradshaw (3-1) M Stoute 9 ran.

6-4 Bidivera, 9-2 Kuwait Night, 5 Home Solutions, 8 Hurry Down, 12 Esteem, Turi, 16 others

Catterick selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Kuwait Night. 2.30 Sally O'Brien. 3.0 Cottage Style. 3.30 Beach Ball. 4.0 Real Silver. 4.30 Quiet Fall.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Kuwait Knight. 2.30 Saba Saba. 3.0 Lahab. 3.30 Beach Ball. 4.00 Real Silver. 4.30 Grooved Swing.

2.30 HORNBY CASTLE SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £1,237: 5f) (21)

1 2200 BOLDCOTT TIGER Denys Smith 8-11 ... – 1
3 0000 CONCERT MELODY P Burgoyne 8-11 ... Coogan 7
4 p00r JOHELSI R Thompson 8-11 ... – 14
5 0000 JOHN FRESH (B)(D) J Berry 8-11 ... S Horsfall 5 3
7 0 MR TOUGHGUY W Pearce 8-11 ... N Connorton 18
8 0 PRINCE OF BEAUTY (B) R Stubbs 8-11 ... G Brown 7 15
9 200 RED DOLE BOY R Stubbs 8-11 ... D Nicholls 17
10 0 SCUTTLER J Berry 8-11 ... K Darley 4
11 0400 THURSO PRINCE C Parker 8-11 ... O Gray 21
14 0000 ALDORO E Weymes 8-8 ... S Webster 13
15 0000 ASHLEY HOPE D Leslie 8-8 ... M Rimmer 6
16 0 CHERRY'S CHARGE T Barron 8-8 ... C Dwyer 5
18 000 DAME DECOY N Bycroft 8-8 ... K Hodgson 19
19 EDUCATED ANNI M Naughton 8-8 ... – 20
20 0003 NORTHERN PARADE (B) M W Easterby 8-8 ... M Birch 8
24 4404 SABA SABA (BF) D Thom 8-8 ... G Duffield 11
25 0200 SALLY O'BRIEN P Makin 8-8 ... S Perks 16
26 0 SILENT LOVE J Etherington 8-8 ... M Wood 2
28 0200 VAIGLY WHISPER P Brookshaw 8-8 ... NON-RUNNER 9
29 VICTORIA MISS W Wharton 8-8 ... W Wharton 12
30 4000 WAYER ORTON Mrs M Nesbitt 8-8 ... J H Brown 5 10

1983: Div I: Showtime 8-3 W Ryan (14-1) R Whitaker 14 ran. Div II: Rio Branco 8-8 D Nicholls (33-1) R Stubbs 14 ran.

7-2 Saba Saba, 9-2 Boldcott Tiger, 5 Northern Parade, 13-2 Ashley Hope, 8 John Fresh, 10 Concert Melody, Silent Love, 16 others.

3.0 BRETTANBY HANDICAP (£1,606: 1m 5f 180yd) (18)

6 0101 COTTAGE STYLE (C) W A Stephenson 5-9-7 ... G Duffield 13
7 4000 LAHAB F Durr 4-9-6 ... A Weiss 5 3
8 0000 NOCO R Hollinshead 4-9-6 ... S Perks 2
9 0400 SIX O SIX AUCTION C Thornton 4-9-5 ... K Darley 4
10 02-04 SECRET PURSUIT M H Easterby 5-9-4 ... K Hodgson 7
12 4000 NORTH BRITON C Brittain 5-9-4 ... P Bradwell 14
13 0000 HOME IN WYOMING C Thornton 3-9-3 ... J Bleasdale 12
16 0020 GRANGE OF GLORY F Durr 3-9-2 ... M Birch 5
17 4010 JUBILANT LADY (CD) D Chapman 3-9-2 ... D Nicholls 6
19 2033 CHATTER D Arbuthnot 3-8-13 ... E Johnson 15
25 0030- KELSEY LADY (B) M Lambert 6-8-11 ... D Oldham 9
28 030-0 LOVER'S CLASH J FitzGerald 3-8-11 ... N Connorton 16
30 3430 PEROVSKIA J FitzGerald 4-8-9 ... O Gray 17
31 0-400 PASS TO PARADISE S Norton 5-8-9 ... S P Griffiths 5 1
34 0000 BRIGADIER HAWK C Austin 6-8-5 ... A Clark 8
35 00-00 INDIAN CALL (B) Hbt Jones 5-8-4 ... R Lines 5 10
36 0000 PRIME STONE J Etherington 3-8-4 ... – 11
37 0000 A T S PRINCE K Stone 5-8-4 ... L Charnock 18

1983: Harry Hastings 4-8-11 C Dwyer (6-1) J S Wilson 15 ran

4 Cottage Style, 5 Secret Pursuit, 13-2 Jubilant Lady, 8 Perovskia, Chatter, 10 Tinoco, Six O Six Auction, Home In Wyoming, 14 North Briton, 20 others.

3.30 ILKLEY STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,624: 7f) (13)

1 0001 BEACH BALL G Pritchard-Gordon 8-13 ... G Duffield 2
4 10 THORNY ROSE W Musson 8-13 ... R Sidebottom 4
6 000 AMALINDA B Hanbury 8-8 ... E Johnson 7
9 0004 BOLD WAY W Bentley 8-8 ... – 1
10 040 BRILLEAUX B Hanbury 8-8 ... R Lines 5 8
14 0000 EMMAZENDA (B) J Parkes 8-8 ... – 12
20 00 IM IMPRESSED W Wharton 8-8 ... W Wharton 3
24 0000 MA GIGI (B) Hbt Jones 8-8 ... N Connorton 13
27 00 MORSGAIL D J Smith 8-8 ... A Clark 10
28 000 NORSKA (B) D Morley 8-8 ... S Perks 5
30 090 PATO Mrs J Reavey 8-8 ... P Bradwell 11
33 0000 RAVONE (B) M H Easterby 8-8 ... M Birch 6
34 4400 SWEET SALORA E Weymes 8-8 ... K Hodgson 9

1983: Soosjoy 8-8 G Duffield (5-1) M Prescott 10 ran

11-8 Thorny Rose, 5-2 Beach Ball, 9-2 Brilleaux, 7 Sweet Salora, 12 Amalinda, 16 others.

4.0 MOULTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,713: 7f) (20)

2 3310 REAL SILVER (D) B Hobbs 9-7 ... E Johnson 7
4 0400 JACORAN (CD) E Eldin 9-6 ... E Guest 5 13
5 3123 NONNITA M Prescott 9-5 ... G Duffield 9
8 0002 BENZ (B) M H Easterby 9-4 ... M Birch 8
9 1300 ETTA GIRL (D) A Hide 9-3 ... R Lines 5 6
10 0003 COUTURE LEG AFFAIR R Woodhouse 9-2 ... K Darley 14
13 2244 COTTON PRINT (B) J Etherington 8-13 ... – 2
15 2000 SILVER PROSPECT R Hollinshead 8-10 ... S Perks 1
16 1000 TAPOUSCHA (D)(B) W Haigh 8-10 ... N Connorton 12
19 0000 VELA ROSSA N Gaselee 8-7 ... A Clark 5
21 0034 BUSHY TOP (B) D Morley 8-7 ... D Nichols 4
23 0200 NICE ONE ANDY (B) G Huffer 8-2 ... M Rimmer 17
24 0000 TRIAD TREBLE (C) Hbt Jones 8-1 ... – 18
25 0000 MYSTIC BOY (B) E Carr 8-1 ... L Charnock 3
26 0000 WHY THE BUSTLE (B) B Hobbs 8-1 ... K Hodgson 19
28 0300 GREY CARD (B) D Plant 7-13 ... – 10
29 0000 APHRODISIAC R Morris 7-12 ... – 11
31 3134 JONESEE A Jarvis 7-12 ... – 15
32 0000- RIBBLE STAR W C Watts 7-11 ... C Coates 5 20
36 0400 LIGHTS OF SLANE (B) W Wharton 7-10 ... J H Brown 5 16

1983: River Maiden 9-3 M Birch (12-1) J Dunlop 18 ran

4 Benz, 9-2 Nonnita, 5 Real Silver, 6 Silver Prospect, Cotton Print, 8 Jacoran, 10 Tapouscha, 14 Bushy Top, 16 others.

4.30 ZETLAND STAKES (£684: 1m 7f 180yd) (14)

2 0-000 BONDOE R Williams 4-9-2 ... David Eddery 7 13
3 004-0 MERMAID D Ringer 4-9-2 ... Darley 9
5 4010 CONNEX (C) D Plant 3-9-0 ... B Coogan 3
7 2302 GAMESMANSHIP R Allan 3-8-10 ... – 9
8 0 GROOVED SWING M Prescott 3-8-10 ... G Duffield 6
11 0044 KARUBA J FitzGerald 3-8-10 ... S Perks 7
12 0-04 QUIET FALL M Camacho 3-8-10 ... – 1
13 RUN WEST M H Easterby 3-8-10 ... K Hodgson 14
14 3030 ACCURACY G Balding 3-8-7 ... W Higgins 2
15 0-000 BARATERRE M Jarvis 3-8-7 ... R Lines 5 4
18 0-400 FOLKLAND D Arbuthnot 3-8-7 ... E Johnson 11
20 3024 JENNY WYLLIE W Wharton 3-8-7 ... W Wharton 10
21 4200 MAGIC QUEEN G Harwood 3-8-7 ... A Clark 5
22 0 SILENT MOVIE B Hanbury 3-8-7 ... M Birch 12

1983: Quickening Dawn 8-7 B Taylor (5-2 fav) J Hindley 18 ran

11-4 Magic Queen, 3 Quiet Fall, 9-2 Karuba, 6 Accuracy, 8 Run West, 10 Gamesmanship, 12 Silent Movie, 14 others.

Newmarket results

Going: good

2.0 Buckenham Selling Stakes (2-y-o: £2,810: 6f)
NEW CENTRAL b f by Remainder Man-Bounding- (Mrs P Brown) 8-8 ... B Raymond (13-2) 1
Four For Uncle b c by Uncle Pokey-Lake Superior- (J Ruddy) 8-11 ... G Starkey (8-1) 2
Rebrob b g by Mansingh-Hot Money (Mrs R Baker) 8-11 ... T Rogers (33-1) 3
Also Ran: 4 jt favs Specialty Vague (6th), Sweet Destiny, 7 Fire Hazard, 8 Cedarwings, 12 Liffey Rose (4th), Secret Valentine, Semperflorens, 14 El-Har-Le-Har (5th), Sun Up, 33 Cartoon, Par Sevvy, Crimson Princess, Jedina, Karletta. 17 Ran. NR: Salv. 2½l, 1½l, 1½l, ½l, sh hd. M Thompsons at Newmarket.
TOTE: Win: £8.30. Places: £1.90, £2.00, £12.10. DF: £12.30. CSF: £58.95. 1m 14.30 sec

2.35 Park Paddocks Handicap (3-y-o: £5,084: 1m 6f)
JERRY CAN br b by Roberto-Bold Flourish- (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-4 ... A Murray (8-11) 1
Vital Boy ch g by Vitiges-Bright Decision- (I Thorday) 8-2 ... S Whitworth (8-1) 2
Bespoke ch g by Relkino-Hors Serie- (Mrs W Hern) 8-7 ... W Carson (7-2 Fav) 3
Also Ran: 5 Fandango Light, 10 Altan (5th), Mankuba, 11 Silent Dancer, 12 Pacificus, 20 My Charade, 25 Crown Eagle, Kolomelskoy Palace, Blakeswere Gift.
12 Ran. Nr: Gamblers Cup. Nk, 2½l nk, ¾l, ¾ H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. TOTE: Win: £5.40. Places: £1.80, £1.90, £1.50. DF: £18.20. CSF: £66.94. Tricast: £257.36. 2m 57.50 sec. Vital Boy came in first but following a stewards inquiry and an objection was placed second.

3.05 FEN DITTON NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £5,244: 6f)
SUDDEN IMPACT b c by Be Friendly – False Evidence (R Chiarella) 7-6 M L Thomas (8-1) 1
Carribean Song ch c by Music Boy – Aruba (Capt M Lemos) 8-4 ... P Robinson (10-1) 2
Jeanne Avril ch f by Music Boy – Green Chartreuse (M Browne) 8-3 ... G Baxter (10-1) 3
Also Ran: 5-2 Dan Thatch, 10 Boot Polish, Kisseritsky (6th), 12 Biney Girl, Postorage, 20 Gwiffina (4th), Hobournes Rose, Siba (5th, 25 Deschamps Express, 33 Qualitairess.
14 ran. 2l, nk, ¾l, hd, 4l. G Lewis at Epsom.
TOTE: Win: £8.40. Places: £2.10, £2.00, £3.50. DF: £45.90. CSF: £79.29 Tricast: £743.32. 1m 13.27sec.

3.40 BISQUIT COGNAC CHALLENGE STAKES (Group III: £19,580: 7f)
BROCADE b f by Habitat – Canton Silk (G Leigh) 3-8-13 ... G Starkey (5-4 fav) 1
Prego ch c by Be My Guest – Audrey Joan (R Sangster) 4-9-6 ... Pat Eddery (8-1) 2
Forzando b c by Formidable – Princely Maid (T Warner) 3-8-2 ... B Raymond (11-2) 3
Also Ran: 11-2 Rocket Alert, 20 Mystery Ship (4th), 50 Executive Man (5th), 100 El Gitano (6th). 7 ran. 3l, ¾l, 4l, nk, nk. G Harwood at Pulborough. TOTE: Win: £2.20. Places: £1.20, £1.50. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4.87. 1m 26.18sec.

4.10 FORDHAM HANDICAP (£4,978: 7f)
KAYUS b c by Junius– Kind Thoughts (K Al-Said) 3-7-4 ... T Williams (13-2) 1
Milk Heart c h by Steel Heart– Cafe au Lait (Elisha Hodings) 5-9-0 ... S Cauthen (8-1) 2
Aconitum b c by Fair Season– The Yellow Girl (Dr M Boffa) 3-8-5 ... R Guest (16-1) 3
Also Ran: 6 Gamblers Dream (6th) 7 Attempt, Schuss, 10 Vorvados, 12 Doc Marten (4th), Minmax, Quick Work, Steeple Bell, 14 Grey Desire (5th), 20 Worlingworth, 25 Third Movement.
14 ran. 2l, 1l, 4l, sh hd, hd. J Hindley at Newmarket.
TOTE: Win: £8.30. Places: £2.00, £3.20, £9.10. DF: £87.10. CSF: £59.88 Tricast: £826.94.

4.45 CHESTERTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £4,898: 1m)
OVER THE OCEAN b c by Super Concorde– Lost Virtue (M Fustok) 9-0 A Lequeux (7-2 ft fav) 1
Mango Express b c by Free State– Polyandrist (K Andersen) 9-0 ... A McGlone (10-1) 2
Fire of Life b c by Nijinsky– Spark of Life (P Mellon) 9-0 ... A Murray (33-1) 3
Also Ran: 7-2 ft fav Slip Anchor (4th), 11-2 Dayl, 9 Leinster Lad, 10 Golden Promise (6th), 12 Valos, 14 Emir Sultan, 20 Bourbon Boy, High Plains, 25 Full Choke, 33 Auspicious Star, Derryring, Ela-Re-Koumpara, Follow The Bank (6th) Kuwait Mutar, Wave Crest, Cackle, Camarina, Fountain Coffee Winfarthing, Martian Baby. 24 ran. ¾l, 5l, 2½l, hd, 2½l. O Douieb at Newmarket.
TOTE: Win: £4.40. Places: £1.80, £4.90, £5.10. DF: £22.40. CSF: £38.96. 1m 38.65sec.

5.10 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE CUP (2-y-o 7f)
LINE OF FIRE ch c by Kris-Singe– (J Hambro) 9-0 ... G Baxter (2-5 fav) 1
Alaasif b c by Honest Pleasure-Wac– (H Al-Maktoum) 9-0 ... A Murray (6-1) 2
Ritual Music ch f by Gregorian-Danilova– (R Sangster) 8-11 ... S Cauthen (9-2) 3
1½l, 1l. B Hobbs at Newmarket.
TOTE: Win: £1.20. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.38. 1m 31.12sec.

TOTE DOUBLE: £64.60. TREBLE: £18.95. PLACEPOT: £29.45. JACKPOT: £19,067.85.

Haydock results

2.0 (5f) 1, SHELLMAN (C Dwyer, 5-1); 2, Ballindalloch (M Hindley, 8-1); 3, Miss Apex (R Wernham, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt fav Caernarvon Boy (6th), Glazepta Town, 7 Master Mark (5th), 12 Absurd, 14 Master of Mischief, 20 Whoknowsthebowler (4th), April Imp, Hopeful Glen, Ivan-Jo, Smithy Bear. 13 ran. NR: Ask a Question, Sudden Light. 1½l, ¾l, 2l, ¾l, 1l. K Stone at Malton. TOTE: £8.30; £1.90, £2.60, £1.50. DF: £69.90. CSF: £45.21. 1m 21.12sec. Following a stewards inquiry, the placings remained unaltered.

2.30 (1m 4f) 1, CLAUDIUS CROZET (G Carter, 10-1); 2, Bossanova Boy (R Cochrane, 8-1); 3, Riberetto (S Dawson, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Gourtionist (5th), 6 Flying Scotsman, Rassesme (4th), Record Wing, 10 Bounty Hawk (6th), Nebanna, 20 Music City, ABC Superstar, Earl's Court. 12 ran. NR: Marsella. 1l, 4l, 6l, 6l, 1l. G Huffer at Newmarket. TOTE: £10.50; £3.70, £1.70, £2.00. DF: £25.90. CSF: £83.88. Tricast: £743.93. 2m 42.20sec.

3.0 (1m 2f 131yd) 1, MY VOLGA BOATMAN (W R Swinburn, 5-1); 2, El Hakim (Paul Eddery, 11-8 fav), 3, Celtic Assembly (P Cook, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Nonesuch Bay (5th), 10 Farhaan, 14 Estoc (4th), 16 Reed Player (6th), 50 Miami Solphin, Rasimareem, 66 Catch The Thatch, 100 Our Choice, Ridgeway Bay, Gallois Bosquet. 13 ran. 1½l, 6l, 2½l, 2l. M Stoute at Newmarket. TOTE: £5.60; £1.40, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £4.50. CSF: £11.90. 2m 24.05sec.

3.30 (1m 40yds) 1, SALAASH (A Shoults, jt fav); 2, Roman Beach (W R Swinburn, 6-1 jt fav); 3, Bit Of A State (M Fry, 14-1); 4, Wind From The West (S Dawson, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Captain Vigilante, Garden Route, 15-2 Smart Mart (5th), 8 Karkan, 10 Royaber, 12 Matou (5th), 14 Hometown, 16 Try To Stop Me, 20 Bakers Double, Son Of Raja, 25 Misha, 50 Denmore, Bamdoro. 17 ran. Sh hd, nk, nk, 1½l, dd ht. J Hindley at Newmarket. TOTE: £5.70; £1.60, £1.90, £5.90, £1.20 DF: £42.00. CSF: £44.82. Tricast: £471.82. 1m 52.28sec.

4.0 (7f 40yds) 1, MUCH TOO RISKY (W R Swinburn, 4-5 fav); 2, Valeon La Romaine (Paul Eddery, 5-2); 3, Silent Gain (G Dickie, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Al Nuwaibi (4th), 12 High Tern (6th, 50 Little Dimple, 100 Arctid Girl, Blue Mist, The Huyton Flyer (5th), 9 ran. 2½l, hd, 5l, 2l, 1½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. TOTE: £1.80; £1.20, £1.10, £4.70. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.19. 1m 40.05sec.

4.30 (6f) 1, RUN EASY (G Duffield, 9-4 fav); 2, Hideedeeboo (S Dawson, 16-1); 3, The Crying Game (W R Swinburn, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Vintage Lady, 9-2 Bold Deceiver (5th), 5 Pasadena Express (4th), 7 Vaigly Whisper (6th), 12 Romagas Day, 14 Northern Review, 16 Shop Talk, 20 Hamiltonius, Little Tabbe, Never Sober, The Mighty Ben. 14 ran. 1½l, sh hd, 2l, 2½l, hd. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. TOTE: £2.80; £1.70, £11.90, £3.20. DF: £58.90. CSF: £41.14. Winner bought in for 2,600 guineas. 1m 21.48sec.

5.00 (5f). 1, Rosie Dickins (W Ryan, 10-1); 2, Marching Moor (W R Swinburn, 4-1); 3, Mange May Sing (G Carter, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Boarding House (5th), 5 Swinging Gold (4th), 8 Longstop (6th), 16 Debris. 7 ran. ½l, hd, 1½l, ½l, ½l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. TOTE: £12.00; £3.30, £2.40. DF: £16.50. CSF: £48.11. 1m 06.76sec. TOTE DOUBLE: £4.55, Treble: £70.00. Placepot: £52.50.

Wincanton

Going: Firm

2.00 (2m ch) 1, Fannaaalig (N Coleman, 25-1); 2, The Surveyor (7-2 jt fav); 3, Richard G (7-2 jt fav). Harry Sippers (7-2 jt fav). 5l, 12l, 7 ran. N Mitchell. TOTE: £32.60; £4.60, £1.80. DF: £53.70. CSF: £96.63.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Try To Remember (N Coleman, 7-4 fav); 2, Rhinestone Cowboy (13-2); 3, Kamag (12-1). 12l, 3l, 9 ran. R Holder. TOTE: £3.00; £1.30, £2.00, £3.30. DF: £7.90. CSF: £12.81.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Welsh Oak (R Earnshaw, 9-4 fav); 2, Eagle Tavern 9-2; 3, Air Space 9-2. 4l, hd. 10 ran. D Gandolfo. TOTE: £3.20; £1.60, £1.50, £2.50 DF: £7.10. CSF: £11.60.

3.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, EASTER CARNIVAL (B Powell 2-5 fav); 2, Jimmy Miff (9-4); 3, Sabi (25-1). 10l, dist. 3 ran. NR: Cobley Express. K Bishop. Tote: £1.40; DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.52.

4.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, CLONCORMICK (Mr M Bradstock, 8-11 fav); 2, Carrigeen Hill (4-1); 3, Double Step (9-2). 1l, 30l. 4 ran. F. Walwyn. Tote: £1.40; DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.62.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, MARINERS DREAM (P Scudamore, 2-1); 2, Traffitanzi (6-4 fav); 3 Panto Prince (8-1). 8l, 4l. 11 ran. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £3.50 CSF: £5.28. PLACEPOT: £10 55.

2.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Poyntz Pass (M Meagher, 2-1); 2, Stand Back (9-4); 3, Meggies Dene (10-1). Percipient (7-4 fav). 20l, 25l. 4 ran. R F Fisher. TOTE: £3.10; DF: £7.30. CSF: £6.31.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Music Be Magic (N Doughty, 2-5 fav); 2, Calira (9-2); 3, Rebel Pearl (8-1). 5l, 30l. 6 ran. NR: Our Louise. G Richards. TOTE: £1.40; £1.10, £1.10. DF: £2.20. CSF: £2.80.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, Mark Edelson (M Hill, 7-2); 2, Summerland (6-1); 3, Shaw Brow (15-2). Mr Marshall (2-1 fav) 3l, 7. 6 ran. J Jefferson. TOTE: £4.80; £1.90, £6.30. DF: £50. CSF: £25.49.

4.15 (3m ch) was abandoned due to high winds.

4.45 (3m hdle) 1, Ramona's Son (Miss T Waggott, 9-2); 2, Miss Colonnette (20-1); 3, Cri de Grace (9-1). (8 ran). King's Classic (2-1 fav) 7l, dist. 8 ran. N Waggott. TOTE: £5.40; £1.80, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £75.80. CSF: £71.75. Placepot: £27.75.

Perth

Going: Good to soft

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Kindred (Jayne Thompson, evens fav); 2, Nectar Blanc (7-4); 3, Chanteno (20-1). 5 ran. Only three finished. 20l, dist. R Thompson. Tote: £1.80; £1.80, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £1.30. CSF: £3.06.

● Ladbrokes have cut Free Guest from 3-1 to 5-2 for tomorrow's Champion Stakes. Other prices: 6-1 Cariellor, Raft, 7-1 Hatim, 8-1 bar.

LINGFIELD PARK

GOING: good to soft.
Draw advantage: up to 1m high numbers best.
Tote: double 2.45, 3.45. Treble 2.15, 3.15, 4.15.

1.45 SAMPSON–HANBURY HANDICAP (£2,764: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

1 0301 MILL PLANTATION (B) (D) G Wragg 5-9-12 ... J Ogilvie 3
3 0110 WIDD D Mills 7-9-7 ... G Landau 7 6
6 1220 ALCMENE (D) C Brittain 3-8-4 ... P Robinson 2
7 1030- WALJAT D Grissell 4-9-4 ... B Crossley 13
11 1200 GLENHAWK (CD) M Ryan 8-9-1 ... A Bond 12
13 0002 SAILING HIGH J Bethell 3-8-12 ... – 14
14 3340 ORYX MINOR S Mellor 4-8-12 ... M Wigham 7
15 000-0 SON OF A GUNNER S Mellor 4-8-10 ... N Howe 9
16 1400 NASHAAB (D) C Benstead 4-8-8 ... B Rouse 15
21 4004 JUST AUTUMN (D) A Jarvis 3-8-7 ... M Fry 10
23 -0000 SOUTHERN DYNASTY P Mitchell 3-8-6 ... R McGhin 5
24 0000 FAIRY BLUEBIRD R Armstrong 3-8-5 ... G Sexton 4
25 0000 MERRY TOM A Bailey 4-8-5 ... P Bloomfield 5 6
26 0/400- KEEP IT DARK M Usher 4-8-3 ... Paul Eddery 1
27 1200 MINUS MAN W Holden 8-8-3 ... R Morse 7 11

1983: Record Wing 5-7-9 R Hills (11-1) D H Jones 15 ran.

3 Sailing High, 4 Alcmene, 5 Mill Plantation, 6 Widd, 13-2 Just Autumn, Glenhawk, 10 Oryx Minor, 12 others.

Lingfield selections

By Mandarin
1.45 Alcmene. 2.15 Jamesmead. 2.45 Respite. 3.15 Fairstead Boy. 3.45 Pheon. 4.15 Finian's Rainbow.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Glenhawk. 2.15 Sandyla. 2.45 Nazeeh. 3.15 Yuli. 3.45 Theon. 4.15 Giada.

2.15 FOSTER STAKES (3-y-o c & g: £1,839: 1m 4f) (13)

1 0000 ALSUFUUH C Benstead 8-11 ... G Sexton 8
2 3000 BASKET WEAVE A Jarvis 8-11 ... M Fry 2
3 2000 BATTLE DRUM H Candy 8-11 ... J Matthias 7
5 CARMEL STATE M Prescott 8-11 ... R Cochrane 6
7 0002 COLLISTO K Brassey 8-11 ... N Adams 5 13
8 0000 DALLAS SMITH R Akehurst 8-11 ... R Curant 12
9 0320 DOWNTOWN HUSTLER D Ringer 8-11 ... P D'Arcy 9
15 0023 JAMESMEAD D Elsworth 8-11 ... B Rouse 1
18 0042 OPENING BARS D Oughton 8-11 ... P Cook 10
19 0030 POLYNOR M Ryan 8-11 ... P Robinson 4
20 3d24 SANDYLA (B) D Dale 8-11 ... A Bond 11
22 00-0 TRACY'S J Old 8-11 ... – 3
23 WILD TALES M Usher 8-11 ... M Wigham 5

1983: No corresponding race.

5-2 Jamesmead, 4 Opening Bars, 5 Collisto, 6 Downtown Hustler, 8 Sandyla, 12 Battle Drum, Basket Weave, Polynor, 16 others.

2.45 TRUMAN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,435: 7f 140yd) (21)

1 13-00 RULE OF THE SEA G Lewis 9-7 ... G Sexton 5
6 0000 CANIF (C) M Ryan 8-12 ... A Bond 8
7 20-00 COURT AND SPARK H Candy 8-12 ... J Matthias 16
10 1234 NAZEEH (BF) A Stewart 8-8 ... B Rouse 15
13 1040 RESPITE B Hobbs 8-2 ... Paul Eddery 6
15 1240 MAYSARA (B) (BF) G Harwood 8-1 ... R Cochrane 11
19 0000 NATIVE HERO (B) P Mitchell 7-13 ... P Bloomfield 3 13
22 0000 SEIGNEUR (B) G Wragg 7-12 ... B Crossley 1
25 0012 MIZPAH (BF) A Jarvis 7-10 ... M Fry 3
27 0400- ATITHASSOS M Francis 7-8 ... N Howe 14
28 0013 FLODABAY (B) (BF) R Armstrong 7-8 ... P Robinson 10
29 4400 TOM FORRESTER (CD) A Pitt 7-7 ... G Dickie 5 12
32 0000 BLACK SPOUT C Brittain 7-7 ... D McKay 17
36 2200 FIGHTING JIMMY (BF) D Wilson 7-7 ... S Dawson 5 19
43 6311 LAFROWDA R Hoad 7-7 ... R Street 20
44 0201 MANGO MAN (B) (D) Pat Mitchell 7-7 (5 ex) ... I Jenkinson 9
45 0000 REMAINDER GIRL M Tompkins 7-7 ... N Adams 5 4
47 0004 ACCLAMATION C Williams 7-7 ... – 2
48 0000 WHEN I DREAM G Balding 7-7 ... – 18
51 -0000 MISS HAMILTON Pat Mitchell 7-7 ... R Morse 7 7

1983: Spanish Bold 8-9 P Robinson (8-1) M Ryan 23 ran.

4 Flodabay, 5 Mizpah, 11-2 Nazeeh, 8 Maysara, 7 Mango Man, 8 Latrowda, 10 Respite, Canif, 14 others.

3.15 BEN TRUMAN SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,033: 6f) (24)

3 0100 MATCHSTICK MAN (B) H Beasley 9-7 ... N Adams 5 10
6 4100 TANTIVY ROSE (CD) P Cole 9-3 ... B Rouse 15
7 3420 SEEB D Dale 9-2 ... A Bond 13
8 0000 NAJI (B) P Butler 9-2 ... – 5
10 0000 LOWE (B) J Douglas-Home 9-2 ... I Johnson 22
13 0000 THIRTY ACRE G Lewis 9-1 ... G Sexton 15
15 0001 LEAN STREAK (B) (D) R Simpson 9-1 (7 ex) ... K Radcliffe 7 2
16 3000 HANNAH'S BIRTHDAY C Wildman 9-0 ... – 3
17 3000 FAIRSTEAD BOY (B) E Eldin 8-13 ... B Crossley 1
18 0000 MILVA R Hannon 8-13 ... P Cook 24
19 0000 MOLLY'S BOY J Holt 8-12 ... J Matthias 17
20 0000 EASTER RAMBLER H Beasley 8-12 ... D McKay 11
21 0000 AL'S NAP T M Jones 8-11 ... P Robinson 7
22 0003 AMIGA BORRACHA (BF) K Brassey 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 19
23 000 KIKI STAR M Usher 8-11 ... M Wigham 1
24 0000 VANISHING BOY Pat Mitchell 8-11 ... T Rogers 20
25 0000 MISTY MOVER (B) B Stevens 8-11 ... R Street 12 28
0400 CHARLIE BURTON (B) Mrs C Reavey 8-10 ... B Kaid 7 21
30 0000 BLAIR'S WINNIE Pat Mitchell 8-8 ... P Bradwell 8
31 0220 YULI G Blum 8-8 ... R Cochrane 6
32 2240 MANOR FARM TRIO M Tompkins 8-8 ... R Curant 18
33 2433 BOOTLE JACK R Howe 8-8 ... L Johnsey 7 3
37 4430 TOO STREAKY D Laing 8-8 ... S Dawson 5 4
38 0000 JUST BLAIR Pat Mitchell 8-8 ... N Howe 14

1983: Sally Chase 9-2 T Jarvis (9-4 fav) A Jarvis 6 ran.

7-2 Lean Streak, 9-2 Yuli, 6 Fairstead Boy, 13-2 Tantivy Rose, 7 Amiga Borracha, 8 Bootle Jack, 10 Manor Farm Trio, 12 Matchstick Man, Too Streaky, 16 others.

3.45 TRUMAN SPECIAL BITTER STAKES (2-y-o: £1m742: 6f) (12)

4 001 GREAT NORTHERN (D) J Dunlop 9-2 ... B Rouse 5
5 421 PHEON G Huffer 9-2 ... R Curant 4
8 ARNOUX C Horgan 8-11 ... T Rogers 3
17 000 SAHARA STRAW C Benstead 8-11 ... R Cochrane 12
18 00 SHOW LOW (B) F Durr 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 9
19 0 TOUCH THE WIND C Horgan 8-11 ... I Salmon 7 6
21 BAL ETOILE M Haynes 8-8 ... I Jenkinson 2
23 0 BOLD APPLE J Dunlop 8-8 ... P Cook 8
25 00 FROSTY MOON W Holden 8-8 ... R Morse 7 7
27 KALA NASHAN P Mitchell 8-8 ... B Crossley 1
28 LADYSAVE D Oughton 8-8 ... N Howe 10
29 LILLEMOR J Dunlop 8-8 ... P Robinson 11

1983: Preobrajenska 8-13 P Robinson (5-1) R Armstrong 24 ran.

10-11 Great Northern, 7-2 Pheon, 6 Show Low, 8 Lillemor, 12 Touch The Wind, 16 Bold Apple, 20 others.

4.15 TRUMAN BITTER STAKES (£2,320: 7f 140yd) (14)

2 0000 NORTHERN TALK J Old 4-8-10 ... R Cochrane 11
3 1000 SEVEN CLUBS D Jermy 4-8-10 ... J Kennedy 7 13
4 0104 TIP THE BALANCE M Usher 4-8-10 ... M Wigham 3
5 -3430 FINIAN'S RAINBOW (BF) (B) I Balding 3-8-9 ... B Rouse 2
7 4000- ACORAS PREDICTION W R Williams 4-8-7 ... P Bloomfield 3 7
8 1012 GIADA (BF) L Cumani 4-8-7 ... J Blake 7 12
10 0201 NOBODYS PERFECT D Marks 3-8-6 ... – 14
11 00 ABBEY STADIUM (B) D Jermy 3-8-5 ... G Dickie 5 5
13 4010 GAUHAR (C) M Blanshard 3-8-5 ... N Adams 5 1
14 3004 JOHN PATRICK P Mitchell 3-8-5 ... B Crossley 8
16 4002 MOUNT CEDAR M Jarvis 3-8-5 ... J Matthias 9
20 0000 KILLYCURRA M Ryan 3-8-2 ... P Robinson 4
22 00 SUE HELEN A Moore 3-8-2 ... T Rogers 6
23 0-0 SURELY M Smyly 3-8-2 ... P Cook 10

1983: No corresponding race.

4-7 Finian's Rainbow, 4 Giada, 7 John Patrick, 10 Seven Clubs, 14 Mount Cedar, 16 others.

MARKET RASEN

GOING: good to firm

2.0 LUDFORD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£573: 2m) (16 runners)

1 2/0d0 PRIVATE CRAFT A Balding 7-12-6 ... P Tuck
2 00/00- MAYERLING LODGE (D) B Bethell 8-12-2 ... P A Charlton
3 0p/p0 APRIL'S HERO B Preece 10-11-10 ... R Strange
4 p000- MAYHEM (D) J Dooler 11-11-10 ... B de Haan
6 f231 GUN (B) (D) D Yeoman 7-11-5 ... C Hawkins
8 10-pp DOM PERIGNON M Gibson 9-11-1 ... A Webb
9 0000/ ALIDEB M Gibson 10-11-0 ... Mr G Roe
11 044-4 GOLDEN HOLLY (BF) Mrs G Reveley 6-10-8 ... A Lang 7
12 3-030 ARNAB L Wordingham 4-10-6 ... J Barlow
14 043-0 GRANGEHILL Miss G Rees 9-10-5 ... R Earnshaw
17 3-200 LITTLE TYRANT (B) (CD) B Richmond 7-10-3 ... S Keightley
20 30-00 WILL PEGGITY J Townson 6-10-1 ... Sharron James 7
21 0/p0-p MAIDIGA M Barraclough 5-10-0 ... S McNeill
22 p00-0 MALSEEDY Mrs E Adair 6-10-0 ... –
23 00-30 WARREN GORSE (CD) S Avery 10-10-0 ... C McIlfatrick 4
24 0/u00 ROYAL GRANT Mrs K Coulman 5-10-0 ... D A Wills 7

1983: Florence 7-9-9 F Byrns (20-1) K Wingrove 22 ran.

11-4 Gun, 100-30 Little Tyrant, 9-2 Golden Holly, 6 Arnab, 8 Grangehill, 10 Mayhem, 12 Warren Gorse, 14 others.

Market Rasen selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Arnab. 2.30 Strathearn. 3.0 Direct Line. 3.30 Caldwell Case. 4.0 Helshaw Grange. 4.30 Rejuvenator.

2.30 LANGWORTH JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (3-y-o: £1,569: 2m) (18)

1 1110 SHARP AND READY (CD) A Ingham 11-10 ... R Arnott 7
2 2011 SECRET WALK (D) W A Stephenson 11-2 ... R Lamb
6 GAINVILLE LAD R Whitaker 10-10 ... C Pimlott
7 HOTKOLE H Fleming 10-10 ... M Pepper
9 2 JOANN'S LAD A Jarvis 10-10 ... –
13 STRATHEARN J FitzGerald 10-10 ... R 'Leary
15 1 MISS FELHAM (CD) M Hinchliffe 10-8 ... P Scudamore
22 2 INVETERATE Denys Smith 10-6 ... C Grant
24 MY RIKI Mrs G Reveley 10-6 ... Mr M Sowersby 7
28 STONEY BOAT INN R Hollinshead 10-6 ... D Carcary 7
29 SURPRISE ATTACK E Eldin 10-6 ... A Coogan
30 22 TAVARGOS C Spares 10-6 ... J Barlow
33 BANNA'S RETREAT (B) D Yeoman 10-5 ... C Hawkins
38 HELEN'S CHOICE A Smith 10-1 ... –
39 HUMBER MYSTERY K Morgan 10-1 ... W Hayes 7
40 KATY QUICK W Wharton 10-1 ... M Brennan
44 TALLY TOO J Harris 10-1 ... J A Harris
45 THEDA R Perkins 10-1 ... Dal Williams

1983: Asia Minor 11-3 S Smith Eccles (Evens fav) G Pritchard-Gordon 18 ran.

7-2 Secret Walk, 4 Strathearn, 5 Sharp And Ready, 6 Tavargos, 7 Inveterate, 8 Miss Felham, Joann's Lad, 10 Hotkole, 12 Stoney Boat Inn,

3.0 LEGSBY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,061: 2m 5f) (7)

1 2142- DIRECT LINE J FitzGerald 10-11-10 ... R O'Leary
7 010p MARSHAL NIGHT (C) R Woodhouse 9-10-0 ... D Browne
8 84-13 VICTORY PRIZE Denys Smith 8-10-0 ... C Grant
9 1-023 FAIR BABU S Burt 10-10-0 ... Mr L Kirkby
11 1p00- LAW VENTURE (CD) Mrs P Sly 10-10-0 ... M Bastard
12 004-4 BOOK OF KELLS (CD) J Blundell 9-10-0 ... D Dutton
13 303-4 NINTH ADDITION (B) (CD) P Felgate 9-10-0 ... P Scudamore

1983: The Mighty Mac 8-12-1 Mr D Browne (8-11 fav) M W Dickinson 6 ran.

11-10 Direct Line, 7-2 Victory Prize, 5 Fair Babu, 8 Book Of Kells, 12 Ninth Addition, 16 Marshal Night, 20 others.

3.30 JACK WHITE AMATEUR RIDERS' NOVICE CHASE (£1,638: 3m) (12)

2 00-20 BANK LAW F Richards 8-11-9 ... P Picton-Warlow 7
3 p-0 BEDWELL SOVEREIGN J Wales 10-11-9 ... J Wales 7
4 0/p-f BILLYJOHN J Townson 7-11-9 ... –
5 032-0 CALDWELL CASE R Swiers 9-11-9 ... –
6 2pu/0- DONOGUE J Scallan 12-11-9 ... D Thompson 7
7 p/fp- HAMBLETON LORD R Tate 7-11-9 ... R Tate 7
8 HARVEY MOON N Gaselee 6-11-9 ... T Thomson Jones
9 -300/0 HAYSAVER S Harris 12-11-9 ... G Harvey 7
12 0u/p4 LOVELY QUEST P Bowlby 6-11-9 ... A Bowlby 7
14 4-03f RASTASEMEFAICH S Burt 6-11-9 ... L Kirby 4
15 f SPANISH MANUEL Mrs E Barber 9-11-9 ... T Moore 7
17 4p12- SOUND OF LAUGHTER J Blundell 6-11-4 ... A Fowler

1983: Isaac 8-11-5 Mr D Williams (9-1) R Perkins 14 ran.

9-4 Harvey Moon, 3 Sound Of Laughter, 4 Caldwell Close, 6 Bank Law, 8 Lovely Quest, 10 Rastasemefaich, 12 Hambleton Lord, 14 others.

4.0 LINWOOD NOVICE HURDLE (£792: 3m) (9)

1 40u-1 HELSHAW GRANGE J Blundell 5-11-9 ... D Dutton
5 0-0f0 DEMON KING J Thorpe 5-11-2 ... Julia Vergette 7
6 0230- MIDSUMMER BOY W Wharton 7-11-2 ... M Brennan
8 00- MUST FLY W A Stephenson 5-11-2 ... R Lamb
10 RISING FOREST J FitzGerald 5-11-2 ... R O'Leary
11 f3f- SLIP O'GRACE G King 7-11-2 ... S McNeill
14 ff-40 ROYAL DON (C) J Leigh 9-10-11 ... P Blackburn 7
16 TENDER AFFAIR R Radgrave 8-10-11 ... A Webber
17 20-22 RIGTON SALLY H Wharton 4-10-9 ... S Youlden 7

1983: Amberwell 7-11-3 T Wall (20-1) P Bevan 21 ran.

3 Helshaw Grange, 7-2 Rigton Sally, 4 Must Fly, 5 Rising Forest, 8 Royal Don, 10 Midsummer Boy, 12 others.

4.30 LISSINGTON NOVICE CHASE (£1,045: 2m) (4)

8 CASTLES-IN-THE-AIR R Lyles 6-11-9 ... Mr D Lyles
9 p3pp- GRANGE MINSTREL R Spicer 7-11-9 ... S Johnson
10 00/00- REJUVENATOR (C) G Richards 8-11-9 ... –
15 30-r4 JUKEBOX KATIE A Watson 5-11-1 ... –

1983: Kevinsfort 5-11-6 R O'Leary (7-2) J FitzGerald 11 ran.

Evens Rejuvenator, 3 Jukebox Katie, 4 Grange Minstrel, 5 Castles-In-The-Air.

Course specialists

NEWMARKET
TRAINERS: H Cecil 98 winners from 366 runners, 26.8%; M Stoute 56 from 376, 14.9%; W Hern 28 from 214, 13.1%.
JOCKEYS: L Piggot 126 winners from 581 rides, 21.6%; J Mercer 62 from 439, 14.1%; N Carson 55 from 439, 12.5%.

CATTERICK
TAINERS: M Prescott 21 winners from 67 runners, 31.3%; M H Easterby 11 from 84, 13.1%; E Weymes 9 from 95, 9.5%.
JOCKEYS: G Duffield 47 winners from 244 rides 19.3%; S Perks 13 from 103, 12.6%; M Birch 20 from 200, 10.0%.

LINGFIELD
TRAINERS: G Harwood 41 winners from 150 runners, 27.3%, P Cole 28 from 18, 21.9%; J Dunlop 42 from 263, 16.0%.
JOCKEYS: P Cook 23 winners from 154 from 14.9%, B Rouse 40 from 357, 11.2%.

SCRATCHINGS: Rade Mill, Noble Ferry, Roinwal, Gay Harald, Normandy Lad, Usneach Hill, Captain Caper, Raskan.

Irish filly chases $1m

Park Appeal, the unbeaten Irish-trained winner of the Cheveley Park Stakes, will be sent to America to contest the Breeders Cup Juvenile Fillies race at Hollywood Park on November 10. The race carries added prize money of $1m and is over one mile and 110 yards on dirt. Park Appeal, who is trained by Jim Bolger, was made favourite for next year's 1,000 Guineas after her Cheveley Park success.

● Patrick Biancome could be excused for suffering jetlag when he arrives in Newmarket today to watch Palace Music run in tomorrow's Champion Stakes. The 22-year-old Chantilly trainer has flown more than 15,000 miles this week, crossing the Atlantic four times.

MOTOR RACING: LAUDA AND PROST DECIDE TITLE AT ESTORIL

World of two men in the balance

By John Blunsden

The organizers of the Portuguese Grand Prix could not have wished for for a more attractive scenario for their reappearance on the Formula One scene after an absence of 24 years.

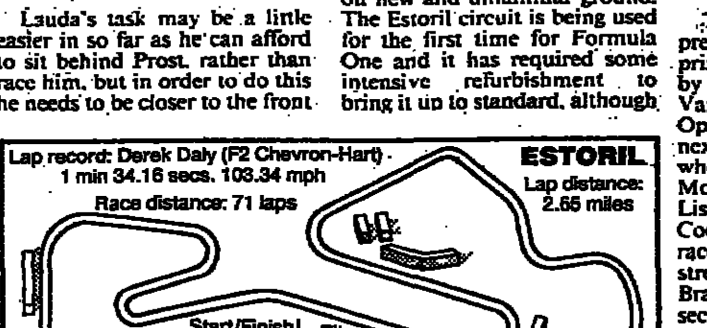
Not only will the race at Estoril on Sunday decide the destiny of the world championship – this is the fourth year running that the drivers' title has depended on the outcome of the season's final race – but not since 1967 has the issue been decided in this way between two drivers of the same team. Seventeen years ago in happened in Mexico City, where Denny Hulme finished third behind Jack Brabham – both were in Brabham-Repcos – to secure the championship for the first and only time (Brabham had already won it three times).

This Sunday Alain Prost will be out to secure his first title while his Marlboro-McLaren partner, Niki Lauder, his third. Between them they have won 11 of this year's grands prix in a formidable demonstration of driving skill, mechanical excellence and impressive reliability, leaving their rivals trailing far behind them in the points table.

With an almost military neatness they have taken turns all season to win races, which leaves Prost ahead by six victories to five but Lauda leading on points by 66 to 62 and a half as a result of better subsidiary placings. This means that if Prost is to be the first Frenchman to be declared champion, he must finish first, second or third in Portugal, with Lauda finishing no higher than third, fifth or seventh, respectively.

Lauda's task may be a little easier in so far as he can afford to sit behind Prost, rather than race him, but in order to do this he needs to be closer to the front of the grid than has been his habit of late (one has come to expect Prost to be at or close to the front). If Prost gets away well and Lauda has to find his way past, for example, two Renaults, two Lotuses and at least one Brabham, the Austrian will have to earn his title the hard way.

With the issue so delicately balanced, it is, perhaps, appropriate that it should be fought on new and unfamiliar ground. The Estoril circuit is being used for the first time for Formula One and it has required some intensive refurbishment to bring it up to standard, although it retains virtually the same profile as when Derek Daly set a lap record of 1min 34.16sec (103.34 mph) in 1977 with a Formula 2 Chevron-Hart.



Set on high ground near the seaside resort west of Lisbon, it has its full share of slow corners and it is to be hoped that this will not cause the sort of race-long traffic queues we used to see in Spain, at Jarama, which in some respects the Estoril track resembles.

There have been only three previous Portuguese Grands prix. The first, in 1958, was won by Stirling Moss, driving a Vanwall on a street circuit on Oporto. Moss won again the next year in a Cooper-Climax, when the race took place on the Monsanto road course outside Lisbon, and Brabham, driving a Cooper-Climax, won the 1960 race, which returned to the streets of Oporto. That year Brabham went on to take his second world title.

After two days of successful tests on the Paul Ricard circuit in France, Philippe Streiff has been confirmed as the driver of a third Renault, to run alongside the cars of Derek Warwick and Patrick Tambay in Estroil this weekend.

TENNIS

Viewers benefit from TV clash

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

The baronial intrigue that enlivens the court of world tennis has had gratifying if strange consequences for British spectators and television viewers. Two professional tournaments will be played simultaneously in January and both will be televised, thanks to the competition between two groups of entrepreneurs.

The thirteenth edition of the popular men's doubles tournament promoted by World Championship Tennis (Lamar Hunt's Dallas-based organization) will be played at the Albert Hall from January 1 to 6. Teams already commited are John Fitzgerald and Paul McNamee, Pavel Slozil and Tomas Smid, and Fritz Buehning and Peter Fleming.

Mark McCormack's International Management Group, however, will promote a tournament for men under the age of 21, to be played at the National Exhibition Centre Birmingham from January 2 to 6. The BBC have dropped coverage of the doubles in order to televise this new event.

Yesterday WCT countered an announcement as surprising as rain in the Lake District. They have signed a contract with Channel 4 to televise the Albert Hall doubles for the next three years. During the same period, Channel 4 will have exclusive British television nights to the annual WCT singles tournament in Dallas. At least seven hours of each event will be televised on Channel 4.

IMG tend to be uneasy, even defensive, when asked why they moved in the WCT dates – a decision making ti improbable that either event would receive the public attention that might have been expected had a clash been avoided. But WCT themselves have not always been blameless in this respect. The observances of polite society do not always apply to the business of making money from sports promotion.

IMG say the clash will not happen again, that this was the only week when they could put the right package together, and that any case, they differ from WCT in the location, the age group, and the format they are exploring. A more disarming defence would have been a reminder of the adage that the man who never made a mistake never made anything.

RUGBY UNION: INJURY SETS PROBLEM FOR WELSH SELECTORS

Australians reshuffle for Exeter

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Only three of the players who shared in the Australian's victory over the London Division on Wednesday play again tomorrow, when the touring side moves on to their second match against the South and South West Division at Exeter.

Of that trio, Moon appears again on the left wing and Campese moves to full back, where he has appeared before in representative rugby. Lynagh, pressed into service at centre when Black dropped out of the London match with a knee injury, reverts to his preferred position of stand-off half, where he will be partnered by Cox.

It is Cox, the first-choice scrum half against New Zealand in the summer, who has been causing the tour management concern after injuring a shoulder in training last week. There have been warning noises about the possibility of sending for a supplementary player but evidently the injury has mended. It is not an enviable position to have only one scrum half available: had Farr-Jones been injured during the game against London, Lane, a centre, would have replaced him.

As it is, Lane, along with another centre, Black, and Hanley, who can play wing or centre, remain the only members of the party to be without a game. Slack, the captain, and Hawker – the most experienced centres in the party – make their first tour appearances at Exeter.

Williams, the acting captain against London, paid a well turned tribute at the reception to Leslie Boundy, the former international referee, who died earlier this week. Mr Boundy was among the Australian hosts at a function on Monday and his is a sad loss to London rugby in general and Hertfordshire in particular.

AUSTRALIANS: D Campese; P Grigg, A Slack (captain), M Hawker, B Moon; M Lynagh, P Cox; E Rodriguez, M McBain, S Pilecki, C Roche, S Cutler, N Holt, D Codey, S Tuynman. Replacements: T Lawton, A McIntyre, R Reynolds, N Farr-Jones, M Ella, R Hanley.

Holmes tackle that could prove costly

By Gerald Davies

Once more Terry Holmes's rugby career has been cruelly interrupted. On Wednesday night, mid-way through the second half of the match between Cardiff and Pontypool, and in front of 17,000, the largest crowd ever to assemble at the Cardiff club ground, he walked disconsolately off the Arms Park with a dislocated shoulder, a recurrence of an injury which first troubled him on the Lions' tour to South Africa in 1980 and from which, after surgery, he took a long time to recover.

The injury occurred when he tackled Chris Huish, the Pontypool flanker. "Such was the speed and commitment of both players into the tackle," Eddie Butler, the Pontypool captain, said, "that something had to give. Sadly, it was a serious injury to Terry." At the hospital he needed a general anaesthetic in order to reduce the swelling. He will be away from the game for at least two months.

For the number of games that Terry Holmes plays, he has remained relatively free of those niggling minor ailments which normally afflict a player during the season. Yet three times now he has been struck low

Apart from his previous dislocation, his career suffered a further setback when a damaged knee in the first international, against New Zealand in 1983 took 10 months to recover. He returned to take part in only the final international, against England, last season.

The flaw, if it can be so called, is that he has been unable to measure his game. There had been signs that, with his new responsibilities as captain, he was beginning to learn the value of economy. His uninhibited enthusiasm for rugby, though, is such that he always plays in top gear, at a pace which has taken its toll even on his hefty and athletic frame.

The irony is that he might have been better off had he suffered the occasional twinge or strained muscle that others bear. In this way he would have been forced to restrict the number of games he plays.

Once more, too, the Welsh selectors are facing a dilemma as to who should replace him. On the statistical evidence of tries and points scored, and the huge contribution he makes to Pontypool, David Bishop is in line to inherit, however briefly, the No 9 jersey. If that comes to pass, last years's Welsh strategy of running wide would need to be abandoned and any discussion of the talent at stand-off half or the merits of the centres and wings would be purely academic, such is his fondness for doing things his way.

Now that he is in London, the spotlight is less on Mark Douglas. His three appearances last year should nonetheless hold him in good stead. But the time might be ripe to look to the future by introducing Robert Jones, of Swansea, into the squad.



Holmes the tactician, about to launch a torpedo

England's plans disrupted

England's Rugby Union selectors have been forced to cancel a squad training session scheduled for next Tuesday, because of Bristol's decision to play Bath in a merit table match on the same night.

Bristol were originally due to meet Bath at the Memorial Ground on Monday evening, but, to allow the key players on both sides more time to recover from Saturday's divisional match against the Australians at Exeter, the clubs agreed today to put the fixture back 24 hours.

The switch, meant, however, a clash with the England's forward's squad session and Derek Morgan, the chairman of selectors, decided to cancel the get-together, rather than force a difficult choice on the players. Now the squad session will be held on Monday, October 30 at a venue to be decided.

● Gloucestershire, the county champions, will be off to Canada and the west coast of America next spring on their first rugby tour for eight years.

HOCKEY

Duthie fit to play a key role

By Sydney Friskin

James Duthie, who plays a key role in the Great Britain attack, confirmed yesterday that he is fit to play in the international quadrangular tournament at Willesden Stadium, Donnington Road.

The Great Britain squad of 16 will have fitness checks at Bisham Abbey this morning before Bernie Cotton, the team manager, and the coach, David Whitaker, decide the composition of the team for the first match against Ireland, starting at 5.30. Britain, bronze medal winners at the Los Angeles Olympic Games, will then face opposition from the Netherlands tomorrow and the Soviet Union on Sunday.

After the fitness tests comes task of appointing the right men for the job. The most crucial position to be filled is that of outside right, where Batchelor, who is not available, did such splended work at Los Angeles. The most likely replacement is Kulbir Bhaura, of Hounslow.

Careful thought will need to be given to the other places in a five-forward system in which Kerly will retain his position in the centre. As Martin and McConnell, two other members of the Los Angeles squad, will be playing for Ireland, their places could go to Craig in deep defence and Faulkner in midfield.

Britain's match against Ireland will be followed at 7.15 by the game between the Soviet Union and the Netherlands. The Soviet Union, who lost only on penalty strokes to the Dutch in the European championship final last year, look much stronger than the Netherlands, who have lost a number of players through retirement.

Lucky Miss Thompson

By Joyce Whitehead

Berkshire's goalkeeper, J Thompson, from Slough, has had to wait only one season before being promoted to the first XI. She is the lucky one, for Pauline Gibbon, the former England goalkeeper, played for them since 1974 until joining Warwickshire. With Katie Dodd (Ealing) again as captain, Berkshire's newly selected team are having a training weekend starting today at Foxhill Bank, Accrington, the sports centre owned and run by Valerie Robinsn., the doyenne of the England team.

Cornwall are now one of several counties on tour this weekend, and tomorrow they play Oxfordshire, whose captain is Judy Crawford (Etceteras Club), a the hard court pitch at Kidlington, outsde Oxford (2.45). Cornwall then go on to play Leicestershire on the artificial sports turf pitch at 1.30 on Sunday in Abbey Park, Leicester.

The Leicestershire team looks very imposing. They are the Midlands county champions and Sue Holwell, the England B player from Bedford College of Higher Education, is the one newcomer. She an only strengthen the defence, to which Lesley Hurley has returned after three seasons out of representative hockey.

Hampshire are off to the North to play Lancashire tomorrow and Lytham St Anne's and Lancashire Central League on Sunday. Herefordshire, too, are on the march. They travel to Carmarthen tomorrow and will be at Bridgend to play Shropshire on Sunday.

BOXING

Las Vegas contest for Bruno

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Frank Bruno has decided to wipe out the memory of that disastrous knockout by Bonecrusher Smith last May at Wembley by going to the United States and beating an American heavyweight. He made the move on the advice of Dr Ferdie Pachecho, the influential American television commentator, who suggested that the big young man should go west and make new friends among United States boxing fans.

No opponent has as yet been found but Bruno will appear on the undercard of the Thomas Hearns – John Mugabi world light-middleweight championship bill at Las Vegas possibly in December. He will return home in February or March.

But first he has to see off one Jeff Jordan, from Columbus, Ohio, at the Albert Hall on November 6. Jordan has had 18 bouts and won 16, 11 of them inside the distance. At 6ft 3in and 16st he is as big and heavy as Bruno. Jordan's two losses have been on points and a first-round knockout.

Errol Christie, the exciting Coventry middleweight, also sets out to get his name back after that knockout by Jose Seys, of Belgium, last month. He meets Dave Plouden, of Virginia, at Halifax Civic Hall on November 1.

Joe Frazier and his fighting sons, Marvis and Rodney (heavyweights), and Smokin' Joe Junior (light-welter), arrive in London on Sunday on a two-month-tour of Britain. Smokin' Joe Junior has his first bout against Peter Ewbanks, the only man to have beaten Barry McGuigan, at Gateshead on October 26.

Hagler certain

New York (Agencies) – In spite of being beaten to a bloody pulp in his first bout with Marvin Hagler three years ago, when he required 55 stitches, Mustafa Hamsho says he can beat world middleweight champion tonight at Madison Square Garden.

But Hagler, now 30, has no doubts about his ability to stop Hamsho again. "There is no way I can even lose once in 10 fights against Hamsho", he said confidently as be wound up his training. "He is a punching-bag with no legs. I'll be the winner before the tenth round."

Radley maintain unbeaten record

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

One of the still considerable number of schools defending unbeaten records is Radley. Having recently overwhelmed Stowe they defeated the young and rather small Marlborough side 20-3 at the weekend with Sheasby, a promising No 8, scoring two tries and Stephenson and Beard one each. Johnson kicked two conversions and McNabb a penalty for the losers.

In Scotland, Glenalmond are also unbeaten, their latest victims, by 17-9 being Strathallan, who had not lost a match for 18 months. The Glenalmond left wing Bewsher ran in two tries. Lambert was the other try scorer for the winnes with Weir contributing a conversion and penalty.

Strathallan's points came from a try by Bannerman, converted by Corbett who also kicked a penalty.

Rossall, who were pessimistic before the season started, beat Stonyhurst22-24 to record their fourth win thanks to a powerful second half performance from their pack. Bailey and Nisbet scored Rossall's tries. Lees kicked four penalties and a conversion.

When Trent College met Nottingham High School 18-17, it was the first time home match that Nottingham had lost for two years. Cosslett and Pye scored Trent's tries with Dolman kicking two penalties and two conversions. Jenkin-Jones (2) and Staniforth were Nottingham's try scorers. Bailey contributed a penalty and conversion.

Nottingham put their defeat behind them with a convincing 27-9 victory on Wednesday over Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield. Nottingham's tries were scored by Floyd, Monk, and Saxelby. Staniforth contributed a dropped goal a Bailey kicked three conversions and two penalties. QEGS's point came from a try by Plum and a penalty and conversion by Clayton.

RUGBY LEAGUE

New GB coach will be named today

The name of the new Great Britain coach will be announced this morning at Rugby League headquarters in Leeds, with the management committee remaining tight-lipped about the successful candidate (Keith Macklin writes). Six coaches were interviewed on Tuesday and Wednesday and the successful applicant was given a second interview yesterday to tidy up contractual details.

The new Great Britain coach will be allowed to complete his current season with his club, but will then have two further seasons, covering Australian and New Zealand tours of this country, as full-time coach of the international side.

Among those interviewed were Malcolm Reilly, the Castleford coach who was runner-up to Frank Myler last time; Roger Millward, coach of Hull Kingston Rovers, the undefeated league leaders, and Peter Fox, the controversial and outspoken Bradford Northern coach

The Rugby League have signed a three-year deal worth £420,000 for Silk Cut to sponsor the Challenge Cup. The game's most lucrative competition will be known as the Silk Cut Challenge Cup and will receive £130,000 this season.

This season's final, on May 4, will be the fiftieth to be played at Wembley since the competition began 87 years ago.

Len Owen, a Silk Cut director, said at yesterday's launch "Rugby League enjoy's an enviable reputation for sportsmanship on the field and good behaviour off it."

The Lancashire Cup final to be played on Sunday week looks like attracting an attendance of between 25,000 and 30,000, the biggest for 10 years.

VOLLEYBALL

Mizuno title favourites

By Paul Harrison

With a conclusive 3-0 defeat of the reigning champions, Capital City Spikers, in the second round of matches in the English national league, sponsored by Britvic, Team Mizuno have established themselves as the favourites for the title. Mizuno (formerly Polonia and now backed by a Japanese sportswear company) took the first set 15-12 form 8-8, the second 15-6 and the third 15-12 after Spikers had led 11-8. Now top of the league, Mizuno travel to Poole this weekend – meet the Thumpers, one of the whose former stars, 6ft 7in Terry McCloskey has joined Mizuno.

Spikers, who hit too many bad patches for their own liking, meet Redwood Lodge, from Bristol, tomorrow and Spark Crook Log on Sunday, at their new home court, Westcroft, SC, Carshalton.

In Scotland this weekend, the first round of the men's cup competition, sponsored by the Royal Bank, sees a record number of entries. With the first division clubs given byes into the second round, it is a chance for such as Aberdeen University and North C, two first-time entrants from the Granite City, to make a mark on the national stage.

In the women's league, Telford recovered from the loss of their long unbeaten record the previous weekend, to win at Inverclyde 3-1. Telford are now coached by Rona Brodie, one of their Scottish international players.

Club in the club

A baby boom has forced the Derby women's team to withdraw from the national volleyball league. The club secretary, Brian Banks said that three of the six first team players are pregnant, one of them being his wife Joclyn. The side will continue to play in the East Midlands League and hopes to be back in national competition next year.

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Council not liable for loss

Governors of the Peabody Donation Fund v Sir Lindsay Parkinson & Co Ltd and Others

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Scarman, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook and Lord Templeman

[Speeches sold October 18]

A local authority who received information that an unsatisfactory drainage system, which did not conform to the approved plan, was being installed in a housing development owed no duty of care to the developer to activate their powers under the London Government Act 1963 to stop the unauthorized installation, notwithstanding that they might have foreseen that failure to do so would result in loss to the developer.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Governors of the Peabody Donation Fund, from a judgment of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Slade) (*The Times*, August 9, 1983; [1983] 3 WLR 754) who allowed an appeal by the third defendants, Lambeth London Borough Council, from an order of Judge Oddie on March 18, 1983, who declared that the plaintiffs were entitled to recover damages from the third defendants in respect of the failure of a drainage system installed at the plaintiffs' development at Knight's Hill, Lambeth.

Mr John Dyson, QC and Mr Stephen Furst for the plaintiffs; Mr John Owen, QC and Mr Richard Fernyhough for the local authority.

LORD KEITH said that in 1972 the plaintiffs decided to undertake the development of a site in Lambeth. The site of the development, which was for 245 houses, presented certain problems.

It was appreciated by the architects that the traditional rigid type of drainage system was likely to be unsuitable and they therefore designed a system which incorporated flexible joints between pipes at various critical points and submitted plans for approval to the local authority.

Early in 1973 the contractors were ready to begin construction of the drainage system. On February 2 the architects' representative on the site and a drainage inspector instructed by the local authority met and agreed between themselves that in certain parts of the system the planned flexible joints should be abandoned and fixed joints substituted.

The trial judge found that the drainage inspector had neither actual nor ostensible authority to agree the variation so that the local authority bore no responsibility for that action.

Soon afterwards the local authority wrote to the architects intimating approval in principle of the plans submitted which showed flexible joints throughout. However, the contractors commenced the construction of the drains incorporating rigid joints on the lines agreed on February 2.

The drainage inspector was then superseded by another inspector who had little experience in the relevant field having previously been employed as a plumber. He asked the contractors' site agent for information about the nature of the drains which were being constructed.

The site agent wrote a letter on May 4, 1973, addressed to the public health department, indicating, *inter alia*, that runs and connexions into and abutting the houses were laid with rigid joints. The drainage inspector took no action on that letter and in particular did not bring it to the attention of any of his superiors.

Construction with fixed joints proceeded and in due course tests carried out in late 1975 and early 1976 revealed that many of the drains had failed. Reconstruction was necessary, completion of the development was delayed for about three years, and the plaintiffs were faced with substantial claims by the contractors for additional payments said to be due to them because of the delay.

The plaintiffs started proceedings against the contractors, the architects and the local authority. In the event the claim against the architects was compromised, and the trial judge held that the cause of the failure of the drains was the design change, not faulty workmanship on the part of the contractors.

The plaintiffs' case against the local authority was, in substance, that the local authority were under a duty of care, owed to the plaintiffs, when they became aware through the letter of May 4, 1973, that the contractors were installing drains with rigid joints, to invoke their powers under paragraph 15 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the London Government Act 1963 so as to require a reversion to the flexible joint design which they had previously approved.

The duty was not said to be a statutory one, but one that arose on common-law principles because the local authority ought to have foreseen that, if they did not take steps to stop the installation of drains with rigid joints, severe economic loss would ensue to the plaintiffs.

It could be accepted that knowledge of the contents of the letter of May 4, 1973, was to be imputed to the local authority and also that they had power under paragraph 15 of Part III of Schedule 9 to stop the unauthorized installation. So the issue really was whether the local authority owed a duty to the plaintiffs to warn them that they were heading for financial disaster.

Lord Atkin's famous enunciation of the general principles on which the law of negligence was founded, in *Donoghue v Stevenson* ([1932] AC 562, 580) had long been recognized as not intended to afford a comprehensive definition, to the effect that every situation which was capable of falling within the terms of the utterance and which resulted in loss automaticaly afforded a remedy in damages.

The true question in each case was whether the particular defendant owed to the particular plaintiff a duty of care having the scope which was contended for, and whether he was in breach of that duty with consequent loss to the plaintiff. A relationship of proximity in Lord Atkin's sense must exist before any duty of care could arise, but the scope of the duty must depend on all the circumstances of the case.

In determining whether or not a duty of care of particular scope was incumbent on a defendant it was material to take into consideration whether it was just and reasonable that it should be so.

In the instant case the plaintiffs, the owners of the building site and the undertakers of the development thereon, bore responsibility, under paragraph 13 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the 1963 Act, for securing that the drains conformed to the design approved by the local authority.

The plaintiffs no doubt had no personal knowledge or understanding of what was going on. They relied on the advice of their architects, engineers and contractors. But it would be neither reasonable nor just, in those circumstances, to impose on the local authority a liability to indemnify the plaintiffs against loss resulting from such disastrous reliance.

The purpose for which the powers contained in paragraph 15 had been conferred on the local authority was not to safeguard building developers against economic loss resulting from their failure to comply with approved plans.

It was to safeguard the occupiers of houses built in the local authority's area, and also members of the public generally, against dangers to their health which might arise from defective drainage installations.

It was sufficient for the determination of the appeal to hold that the local authority owed no duty to the plaintiffs to activate their paragraph 15 powers, notwithstanding that they might reasonably have foreseen that failure to do so would result in economic loss to the plaintiffs, because the purpose of avoiding such loss was not one of the purposes for which those powers were vested in them.

The plaintiffs had relied strongly on two recent cases decided by different divisions of the Court of Appeal. In *Acrecrest Ltd v W. S. Hattrell & Partners* ([1983] QB 260) the court had construed passages from the speech of Lord Wilberforce in *Anns v Merton London Borough Council* ([1978] AC 728, 751-752, 758) as intended to lay down that a local authority, in the exercise of their supervisory functions over building projects, owed a duty of care to a building developer to see that his property did not suffer damage, even though there was no question of apprehended injury to the health or safety of the developer.

In his Lordship's opinion, they had failed to appreciate correctly the course of Lord Wilberforce's reasoning and consequently misapplied the decision in *Anns*. In the result, *Acrecrest* was wrongly decided and should be overruled.

The second case was *Dennis v Charnwood Borough Council* ([1983] QB 409). It did not, however, assist the plaintiffs in the present case, because not only was there no question of injury to health or safety at issue so far as they were concerned, but they were proceeding to install drains with fixed joints in flat disregard of the local authority's requirements.

Lord Scarman, Lord Bridge, Lord Brandon and Lord Templeman agreed.

Solicitors: Bridges Sawtell & Adams; Barlow Lyde & Gilbert.

Rectifying Land Register entry

Argyle Building Society v Hammond and Others

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Slade and Sir David Cairns

[Judgment delivered October 18]

The court had a discretion under section 82 of the Land Registration Act 1925 to order the rectification of the charges register at the Land Registry the Court of Appeal held, adding that that jurisdiction was exerciseable against a building society that was a *bona fide* mortgagee.

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, allowed an appeal from Judge Goldstone at Barnet County Court on a preliminary issue by Mr Michael Steed, the third defendent to an action for possession of property mortgaged to the plaintiffs, the Argyle Building Society.

In 1964 Mr Steed became the freehold owner of 2 Arlow Road, Winchmore Hill, London, and was registered as proprietor of it with title absolute at the Land Registry.

He alleged that in 1979, while he was in the United States, he had been induced to sign a power of attorney purporting to empower his mother to sell the house on his behalf. He further alleged that a transfer of the house then took place by way of a forged deed in favour of the first and second defendants, Mr David Hammond and Mrs Claire Hammond, Mr Steed's sister.

The building society had advanced £15,000 to Mr and Mrs Hammond on the security of a legal charge of the property. That transaction had been entered into in good faith. Subsequently Mr and Mrs Hammond were registered at the Land Registry as being the joint proprietors of the property and a legal charge in favour of the building society was also registered.

Mr and Mrs Hammond defaulted in making payments on the mortgage and in February 1982 the building society instituted proceedings against them seeking possession of the house. Mr Steed was given leave to be joined as a defendant to that action.

In November 1983, Judge Goldstone, after hearing argument on a preliminary point, held that on the assumption that the deed of transfer was a forgery but without deciding that point, the building society took its charge in good faith and for value and that in law Mr Steed could not obtain rectification of the charges register against the building society. The judge concluded that the building society was entitled to an order for possession.

Mr Andrew Walker for Mr Steed; Mr James Leckie for the building society.

LORD JUSTICE SLADE, giving the judgment of the court, said that had the title to the house not been registered and Mr Steed's signature on the transfer had been forged, there would be no question of the building society's charge binding Mr Steed. He could have asserted that the transfer was a nullity and that nothing had occurred to divest him of the freehold title to the house unencumbered by any charge.

But the fact of registration necessitated a somewhat different approach. The effect of the registration of Mr and Mrs Hammond as proprietors must have been to vest in them the legal fee simple regardless of any forgery. That was by virtue of the "statutory magic" effected by section 69(1) of the 1925 Act.

Moreover once a person was registered as the proprietor of freehold land he had the statutory power to creat valid charges (sections 69(1), 25, 26 and 27) even though the purported transfer was by way of a forged instrument. The Act thus contained striking exceptions to the general principle *nemo dat quod non habet* [no one can give a better title than he has].

Nevertheless any protection enjoyed by a proprietor or mortgagee was subject to the provisons contained in section 82 for discretionary rectification of the register. That jurisdiction to rectify extended to the property register, the proprietorship register and the charges register. And by section 82(2) the court was empowered in a proper case to rectify the charges register even though rectification might affect a charge acquired or protected by registration and thus might on occasions cause loss to innocent parties.

In the light of the wide discretion given to the court it was at first sight surprising that Judge Goldstone concluded as he did. However, in so doing he had relied heavily on the statement of law in *Ruoff & Roper, Registered Conveyancing* (fourth edition (1979) at p789) and on the decision of Mr Justice Luxmore in *In re Leighton's Conveyance* ([1936] 1 All ER 667).

The judge had erred in law. There was no doubt that on the basis of the assumed facts the court would have jurisdiction in the proper exercise of its discretion to rectify the charges register as against the chargees. And section 82(2) made it clear that the jurisdiction was exerciseable against persons claiming through a registered proprietor.

The authors of *Ruoff & Roper* had stated too broad a proposition in saying that "although rectification may be granted against the proprietor of the land, a charge created by the transferee in favour of a *bona fide* mortgagee will not be disturbed". There were other similar passages in that work which could benefit from slight qualification. Further the *Leighton* case was not an authority for such an unqualified proposition. For those reasons the appeal should be allowed.

Solicitors: Colin Bishop & Co; Warrens.

Recovering supplementary benefit

Chief Supplementary Benefit Officer v Leary

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice Slade

[Judgment delivered October 18]

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the Chief Supplementary Benefit Officer against a decision of the tribunal of Social Security Commissioners given on July 25, 1983, whereby the commissioners adjudged that the decision of the supplementary benefit tribunal given on December 18, 1981, was erroneous in point of law and should be set aside and the claim of Timothy Leary, (the "deceased") for benefit be re-heard.

Mr Robert Carnwath for the DHSS; Mr R. J. B. Drabble for the personal representative of the deceased.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that on March 2, 1970, the deceased began to receive supplementary benefit on the basis that his only capital consisted of a National Savings Bank account and one premium bond. He received the benefit until his death on May 11, 1981.

After the deceased's death it was discovered that he had £1,589 cash and current and deposit accounts with the Midland Bank which were in credit totalling £3,513. Had the Department of Health and Social Security (DHSS) known those facts the deceased would not have been paid the benefit he received.

The overpayment was alleged to be £4,383. For the purposes of the present appeal what was the statutory basis for adopting an accounting method?

The commissioners thought the statutory basis was derived from paragraph 27 of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits Act, 1976. Mr Drabble submitted that that paragraph was irrelevant and the method involved the application of the arithmetical principle of diminishing returns to paragraph 20 of the Schedule.

On the facts of the instant case, in terms of money it would probably matter little to the deceased whether paragraphs 20 or 27 applied; but to the DHSS it mattered a great deal because cases of overpayment involved millions of pounds of public money.

There was nothing in Schedule 1 to justify the DHSS's submission that paragraph 27 could not apply to the court's sum and other moneys in question merely because they were "capital resources" within paragraph 20. Paragraphs 20 and 27 were not mutually exclusive.

Paragraph 27 had been repealed by the amendments made to the 1976 Act by the Social Security Act 1980 but it was still applicable to overpayments made before November 24, 1980.

The other point in the appeal was whether a decision of Sir Douglas Frank, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, in *Musgrove v Secretary of State for Social Services* (1981, unreported), was binding on the commissioners. An inferior court was not entitled to disregard a decision of a superior court, however sure it might be that it had been wrongly decided: *Farrell v Alexander* ([1977] AC 59).

The commissioners considered that they were entitled to treat as having no more than persuasive force decisions of the High Court on points of law made between January 1, 1978, and November 24, 1980, under the jurisdiction conferred on the court by the combined operation of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1971 and the Tribunals and Inquiries (Supplementary Benefit Appeal Tribunals) Order (S I 1977 No 1735) because during that period the High Court was exercising a jurisdiction which since November 24, 1980, had been vested in the commissioners by the Tribunals and Inquiries (Supplementary Benefit Appeal Tribunals) (Revocation) Order (S I 1980 No 1601).

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Smelly diesel, the frontrunner as tomorrow's car

It is appropriate that in the centenary year of the car, the theme of the 65th British Motor Show should be "The Car of Tomorrow". The manufacturers have responded magnificently by trotting out their most extravagant "concept" models to woo the visiting motorist and catch the eye of the hordes of photographers.

But behind the razzmatazz there is growing evidence tomorrow's car will be that most unexciting of concepts, the smelly old diesel. At least, that is most people's concept and one that persists despite the rapid advances in design over the past three years.

Ford's belated entry this year into volume manufacture of a lightweight, fast-revving diesel engine has given the diesel market in Britain just the boost it needed to follow the lead of its continental neighbours in harnessing the diesel's more economic consumption of cheaper fuel.

Despite its problems with Britain's savage price war, Ford is still the market leader, selling more than one in four of all cars bought here. Whatever Ford does, its competitors must try to match or even better. And when it invested £100m to produce a 1.6 litre deisel engine at Dagenham to supply Ford car plants throughout Europe, the alarm bells began to ring.

At the show this week Mr Sam Toy, chairman of Ford in Britain, revealed that his company is already thinking of increasing the capacity of the new plant. He said that his dealers were complaining that they could not get enough diesel cars.

He predicts that within the next five to ten years diesels will account for 15 per cent of all cars sold here. On the basis of the present 1.75 million cars a year market, that suggests a remarkable 260,000 diesels a year.

In the short term, he is confident that next year 10 per cent of Orion sales, and 78 per cent of Escort sales, will be diesel and as much as 30 per cent Escort and Fiesta vans.

As recently as 10 years ago only 300 diesel cars a year were sold in Britain. Today we are looking at 40,000, still small beer compared with France and Italy, but clearly beginning to move at last.

Father Mercedes

Daimler-Benz claims to be the father of the diesel car which it introduced 50 years ago. Today, diesel cars account for about half its total car production. Herr Hans Tauscher, managing director of Mercedes UK, told a Motor Show gathering: "As fuel prices increase and the differential remains in favour of diesel, more and more businesses and long-distance drivers in particular can be expected to turn increasingly towards diesel. In our view, there is no longer an image disadvantage with diesel. The latest cars, such as our new 190D, are smooth, quiet, fuel efficient and powerful enough for today's traffic conditions."



The Bentley Mulsanne Turbo on the Rolls-Royce stand at the motor show.

My own experience with diesel cars suggest there is plenty of room for improvement on one important aspect. I refer to the messy business of refilling the tank. Most people without experience of diesels do not appreciate that the smallest drip from the nozzle does not evaporate as does petrol but remains on the ground to contaminate shoes.

No amount of wiping will remove the smell which invades the car for days. It is hardly the most welcome of companions for drivers or passengers with queasy stomachs.

I hope readers will join me in the campaign I am now waging to persuade forecourt staff to provide containers of sand or sawdust alongside diesel pumps so that spilled fuel can be covered before you step into it.

The response so far has been very mixed. Some attendants react by dashing out and performing the chore themselves. Others return a withering glance, a shrug of the shoulders, and the throw-away comment, "That's not my job, mate".

Even a clean floor can be offset by a messy nozzle, however. More and more regular diesel drivers are carrying a pair of cheap gardening gloves in the boot. But that still leaves you with a smelly boot.

I refuse to believe that the vast resources of the oil industry cannot come up with practical improvements in forecourt diesel equipment.

Discount war

The main topic of conversation in the back rooms of the show is the price war and in particular the part played by Ford last month to defend its market leadership.

Majority opinion suggests that the extensive price-cutting indulged in by manufacturers over the past two-and-a-half years is here to stay. Mr Harold Musgrove, chairman of Austin-Rover, told me: "What alternative is there when the industry in Europe has such massive over-capacity?

"Ideally we should get together to reduce it, but in practical terms that is a non-starter because firms like Austin-Rover have already made major cutbacks while competitors have retained or even extended their capacity."

Ford insists that it is more sinned against than sinning. Mr Toy is one of the few industry leaders who sees some signs that more sensible counsels are at last prevailing and that incentive bonuses will reduce progressively. He declines to give examples because that would mean talking about a competitor, a stand he would like to see taken by those rivals who in his view spend too much time priming the media about Ford's misdemeanours.

One of the few people to go on record at the show with criticism of what he described as "distress marketing" was Mr Peter Beaumont, the newly installed chief executive of Colt Cars, which imports Mitsubishi cars from Japan.

He said: "This strategy only encourages perpetuation of the retail discount war and contributes even further to the collapse of the retail market. Already this year we have seen a record number of bankrupticies within the retail motor industry. According to the latest Motor Agents Assen figures, bankrupticies have increased by 20 per cent in the first nine months of 1984."

As evidence of the excesses being practised, he said that Ford dealers registered more than 17,000 cars in the last 10 days of September compared with 25,000 in the first 20 days. Yet most buyers would be willing to wait until the start of the next month for their new car to save one month's road tax.

And it is not just the Big Three, Ford, Austin-Rover and General Motors, which are indulging in cheque book selling. Nissan registered 60 per cent of its September sales in the last 10 days of the month. That is an awful lot of unsold cars waiting to be off-loaded at bargain prices.

Tail piece

This year's motor show cost about £3.4m to mount. The organizers, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, hope to make £500,000 profit, but only if 750,000 paying visitors turn up before the doors close on the evening of Sunday, October 28. The last show in 1982 attracted only 65,000. Tomorrow is the first public day.

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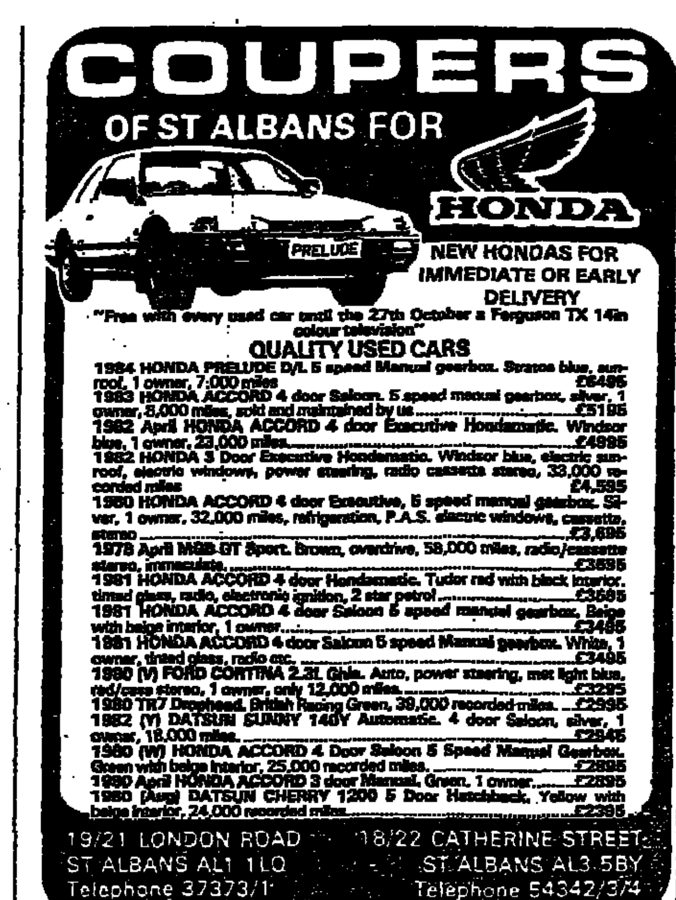
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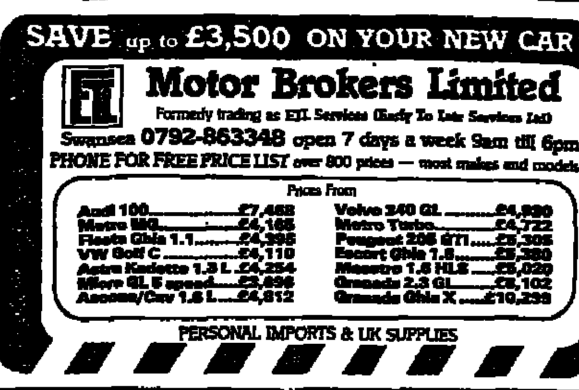
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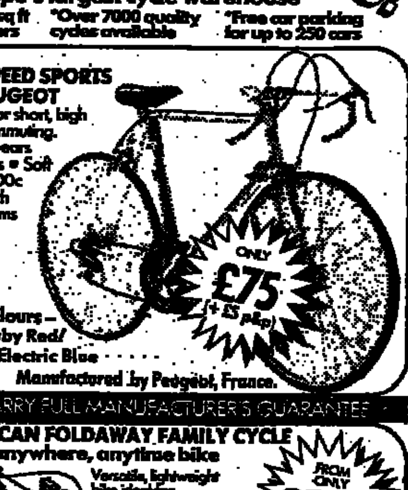
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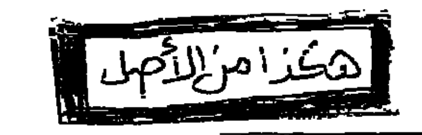
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BBC 1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.** News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins.

6.30 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Nick Ross. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; programme highlights at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; gardening advice from Alan Titchmarsh at 7.32.

9.00 **Mastermind.** Robert Foulkes, Maisie Lunan, John McGrath and George Snowden are the competitors and their specialist subjects are, respectively, the life and works of Antoine Lavoisier; the life and works of J. M. Barrie; the second Punic War 219-202BC; and the operas of Gilbert and Sullivan (r). 9.30 **Ceefax.** 10.30 **Play School,** (r). 10.50 **Ceefax.**

12.30 **News After Noon** with Moira Stuart and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Ian McCaskill. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 **Pebble Mill at One** includes a location report on the new series of Tenko and guests, singer Jack Jones and author, J. P. Donleavy. 1.45 **Little Misses and the Mister Men** (r).

2.00 **Writers' Houses.** Gordon Jackson visits the Kirriemuir cottage of J. M. Barrie (r).

2.15 **Film: Return of the Bad Men*** (1948) starring Robert Ryan, Randolph Scott and Gabby Hayes. Ryan plays the Sundance Kid, running riot on Oklahoma territory and a natural opponent for the honest and upright Marshal Vance (Scott). Directed by Ray Enright. 3.40 **The Blue Racer.** Cartoon series. 3.48 Regional news (not London).

3.50 **Play School,** presented by Ben Thomas. 4.10 **The Family Ness.** 4.15 **Beat the Teacher.** Inter-school quiz. 4.30 **Benji, Zax and the Alien Prince.**

4.55 **Hartbeat.** Tony Hart and Margot Wilson with another programme in the series that takes a different approach to picture making. 5.15 **Crackerjack** with guests Basil Brush, Level 42 and acrobats, The Duo Veress. 5.58 **Weather.**

6.00 **News** with Jeremy Paxman and Nicholas Witchell.

6.30 **London Plus.**

6.55 **Cartoon.** Tom and Jerry in Neapolitan Mouse.

7.00 **Blankety Blank.** Les Dawson's panel this week consists of Geoff Capes, Lynsey de Paul, Jan Leeming, Don MacLean, Spike Milligan and Claire Rayner.

7.35 **'Allo 'Allo!** Comedy series about a reluctant Resistance man in occupied France (Ceefax).

8.05 **Bergerac.** The Jersey detective investigates a case of mugging on the island. He is hampered in his search for the attacker by the victim's vivid imagination. Starring John Nettles and special guest, Norman Wisdom (r) (Ceefax).

9.00 **News** with Julia Somerville.

9.25 **Film: Honky Tonk Freeway** (1981) starring Beau Bridges. The first showing on British television of this satire about an ambitious Florida holiday resort that finds all its plans to attract holidaymakers comes to nothing when a new highway leaves them without an exit road for the tourists. Directed by John Schlesinger.

11.08 **News headlines.**

11.10 **The Hollywood Greats.** Barry Norman presents a profile of Henry Fonda, with contributions from, among others, James Stewart, Jack Lemon and Sidney Lumut (r).

12.00 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.25 **Good Morning Britain,** presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; angling news at 6.42; guests David Essex and Roberta Flack from 6.45; exercises at 6.46 and 9.20; the day's anniversaries at 6.51; Popeye cartoon at 7.22; pop video at 7.54; Jeni Barnett's post bag at 8.15; Jimmy Greaves's programme highlights at 8.34; the weekend's best buys at 8.43.

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9.25 **Thames news headlines.** 9.30 **For Schools:** Bigotry and prejudice at a girl's football match. 9.47 Families face illness and unemployment. 10.09 Children's special places. 10.26 An MP's responsibilites to the House of Commons. 10.48 Physics: electron diffraction. 11.05 A visit to a town. 11.22 Part four of The Sea Green Man. 11.39 History: the Bonus Army of the Great Depression.

12.00 **Gideon.** (r). 12.10 **Rainbow.** Learning with puppets and guest Peter Sowerbutts (Oracle). 12.30 **Make it Pay.** Advice on how to make money through hobbies.

1.00 **News at One.** 1.20 **Thames news** with Robin Houston. 1.30 **Film: The Wedding Night*** (1935) starring Gary Cooper and Anna Sten. The story of a worldly wise author who leaves his New York home with his wife for the country in order to write a story about his foreign-born neighbours. Directed by King Vidor.

3.00 **That's My Dog.** Quiz game for canines and their owners. 3.25 **Thames news headlines.** 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 **Rainbow.** A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10. 4.20 **Rub a Dub Dub,** an animated and up-dated version of the nursery rhyme. The Wise Old Owl. 4.25 **Inspector Gadget.**

4.50 **Royal Children.** Pamela Armstrong takes a look at the world into which Prince Harry was born. 5.15 **Blockbusters.**

Transmissions in the Thames TV area depend on the settlement of an industrial dispute.

5.45 **News.** 6.00 **The 6 O'Clock Show.** Michael Aspel and his team with the off-beat side of London life.

7.00 **Airwolf.** The first of a new adventure series about an almost invincible combat helicopter and its pilot. The machine is much sought after by enemy nations and tonight an agent for one of them plots a satellite survey to try and discover its whereabouts. Starring Jan-Michael Vincent and Ernest Borgine (Oracle).

8.00 **Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right.** Prize games between couples.

8.30 **We Love TV.** A test of television programme knowledge between a team of personalities – Isla St Clair and Martin Jarvis – and a team of members of the public viewers – Susan Wilson and Peter Docherty (Oracle).

9.00 **Mitch.** The Fleet Street Crime Reporter on the trail of another story (Oracle).

10.00 **News at Ten** followed by London news headlines.

10.30 **The Battle for London.** Brian Walden is in the chair as the environment minister, Kenneth Baker, debates the abolition of the GLC with Ken Livingstone.

12.00 **Around Midnight.** Chat show presented by Janet Street-Porter and Auberon Waugh. The guests are Derek Jameson, Vicki Hodge, Linda Agran and Margaret Hodge.

1.40 **Night Thoughts.**

Claudio Casadei: bagnino. Italians (BBC 2, 8.30 pm)

● **THE ITALIANS,** ten impressionistic portraits of which *Claudio's Beach* about the jaunty *bagnino* on the left is the first (BBC 2, 8.30pm) is nothing if not comprehensive: everything from a nun to a Communist mayor, with a fisherman, actress, car worker and art restorer among the rest. Of Italian parentage myself, I can testify to the fact that, in tonight's film at any rate, the generalizations ("Italians are more romantic than Norwegians"..."When it comes to mass and not elitist tourism, the Italians are best"...and so on) are not so hopelessly wide of the target that despairing sociologists will turn their backs on the series. At an elementary level, the educational content of *Claudio's Beach* is high. You will learn, for example, that a *bagnino* is someone who rents out sunbeds and umbrellas on Italy's

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beaches; and that, in the summertime mating game, the nearer to the water's edge you are, the more amenable to overtures you are taken to be. You will learn that the reason that normally crowded beaches are deserted at noon, is that tourists have paid for their three-course lunch and are determined to have it. And you will learn that if you persist in looking at Page 3 of *The Sun* while roasting on the beach at Rimini, it means you are one of those who prefer the shadow to the substance.

● **FREUD** ends tonight (BBC 2, 9.25pm) and the sixth episode will make no sense whatsoever if you missed the previous five because it fills in all the gaps in the psychoanalyst's own case history, closes the file, and puts it alongside the others that have accumulated so engrossingly during the past six weeks. As almost the whole cast make their curtain-calls tonight, this seems a good time to pay particular tribute to Suzanne Bertish's Minna, Michael Kitchen's Fleischl and Michael Pennington's Jung. As for David Suchet's Freud, I regret that so many of my colleagues have failed to recognize three-dimensional acting when they saw it.

● An enjoyable contrast to *Freud,* Hitchcock's **SPELLBOUND** (BBC 2, 11.40pm) is pseudo-psychoanalysis, Hollywood style, and so glossy that you can practically see Hitchcock's wily grin reflected in it. Salvadore Dali conceived the dream sequences. I still prefer those in *Freud.*

Peter Davalle.

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax.**

9.30 **Daytime on Two:** Science: catalysis 9.52 Part five of Badger Girl. 10.15 Maths: degrees. 10.38 Fire, Earth and Metals. 11.00 Craft, design and technology. 11.22 The everyday life of an assembly line worker in a Hiroshima car factory. 11.44 Going to work in a modern office. 12.05 Lesson five of the introductory course in the use of computers.

12.30 The role of the telephone in an office. 12.55 Britain's performance as an economic power since the industrial revolution. 1.20 Let's Go. For moderately handicapped young adults. 1.38 Scotland's Great Glen. 2.00 Teenagers talk about the pleasures and pains of leaving home. 2.30 The novelists from the North of England who came to the fore in the Fifties.

3.00 **Dallas.** Cliff Barnes is taken in by J. R.'s misleading information about offshore oil exploration (r) (Ceefax).

3.45 **Submarines at War.** Submariners recall their wartime experiences.

3.55 **Dallas** (again) Sue Ellen is mistaken for Peter's mother (r) (Ceefax).

4.45 **Animal Antiques.** A Forty Minutes documentary about traditional farm animals that are in danger of extinction (r).

5.25 **News summary with subtitles.**

5.30 **16 Up – The YTS Report.** Beverley Anderson is in the chair as a group of Youth Training Scheme trainees meet politicians and experts to discuss the issues raised in the earlier programmes of the series.

6.00 **The Invaders.** Science fiction adventure.

6.50 **The Best of Brass.** The fourth round one competition and the North West championships, Fairy Engineering Band, play against the London and Southern Counties champions, Newham Band.

7.25 **100 Great Sporting Moments.** The 1953 FA Cup final between Blackpool and Bolton.

7.35 **Gardeners' World.** The last programme of the series and the team of Geoff Hamilton, Clay Jones and Betty Metcalf explain what is to be done in the garden during the winter.

8.00 **Call My Bluff.** A new series begins with, on one side, Frank Muir, Hannah Gordon and Tim Rice; on the other Arthur Marshall, Moira Stuart and Charles Dance.

8.30 **Italians.** (see Choice).

9.00 **M*A*S*H.** BJ goes on an orgy of practical joking, sending everybody mad.

9.25 **Freud.** The final part of the serial based on the life of the celebrated psychoanalyst (Ceefax).

10.25 **The Godwin Diving International.** The Woman's Highboard from the National Sports Centre, Crystal Palace.

10.55 **Newsnight.**

11.40 **Film: Spellbound*** (1945) starring Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck. (see Choice). Ends at 1.35.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 **Channel Four Racing.** Brough Scott introduces four races from Newmarket – the Fakenham Handicap (2.35); the William Hill Dewhurst Stakes (3.10); the Phantom House Stakes (3.40); and the Rockfel Stakes (4.10).

4.30 **Countdown.** The first semi-final of the Championship of Champions is between Mark Nyman and Ash Haji.

5.00 **The Addams Family.*** Another ghoulish episode from the lives of the weird family. This week the extremely tall butler, Lurch, is persuaded to take dancing lessons.

5.30 **The Tube** presented by Jools Holland and Paula Yates. The latest news from the rock world plus videos and live music from The Gun Club, Silent Running, The Style Council and the reggae band Clint Eastwood and General Saint. There is also the first showing on television of the new Duran Duran video, Wild Boys, interviews with Julian Lennon and Mike Evans who has written a book, The Art of the Beatles, and a profile of rock star, Prince.

7.00 **Channel Four News.**

7.30 **Right to Reply.** Complaints by visitors to the Video Box and from viewers' letters.

8.00 **A Week in Politics** presented by Peter Jay. Arms control and the nuclear issue in the American presidential election campaign. Plus an interview with Lord Young.

8.45 **Lubo's World.** The second programme in the comedy series about the lifestyle correspondent of Pravda's investigations into life in Britain today. Tonight, Lubo and his minder, Ludmilla Dostoevsky, take stock of the heavy metal scene.

9.00 **Tell the Truth.** Graeme Garden is in the chair as his panel of Diane Harron, Cheryl Kennedy, Trevor Macdonald and Tony van den Bergh grill three people to find out which of them is telling the truth.

9.30 **Gardeners' Calendar** introduced by Hannah Gordon. Harry Baker, the fruit officer at the Royal Horticultural Society's garden, is responsible for 700 different types of apple tree. He suggests a number that might be the most fruitful in the average garden.

10.00 **Reggie** is shaken to discover that his daughter has landed the job of scantily-dressed tour guide at his company.

10.30 **Food for Thought.** The penultimate programme in the series and Marion Bowman and Brian Ford examine the roles that the government and the the food industry play in the nature of the British diet.

11.20 **Film: The Secret Policeman's Ball** (1979). Highlights from Amnesty International's comedy gala, held in 1979 at Her Majesty's Theatre in London. Among those appearing are Peter Cook, Rowan Atkinson, Michael Palin and Eleanor Bron.

1.05 **Closedown.**

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5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer For The Day.

6.30 Today including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News summary 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 News 7.25, 8.25 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Desert Island Discs. The castaway is the cartoonist Michael Ffolkes (r).

9.45 Feedback. With Frances Donnelly.

10.00 News; International Assignment.

10.30 Morning Story: 'The Opportunist' by Mark Bourne. Read by David March.

10.45 Daily Service: (NEM, page 93).

11.00 News; Travel; Analysis (r).

11.48 Natural Selection. The Lyre Bird.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.

12.27 Top Of The Form. Harrogate Granby High School v City of Leeds School (r) 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes an item on the education of the children of travelling folk in the Central Region around Stirling. And the final instalment of The Tiger and the Rose.

3.00 News; Masters' India. An 18-part serialisation of John Masters' saga of the Savage family spanning the years 1825-2956. Book One: The Deceivers, dramatised in five parts (3) (r)†.

4.00 News; Home and Abroad. Olive Shapley remembers her lodgers.

4.10 Revels. Hugh Sykes on Marie Stopes.

4.40 Story Time: 'Mr Stone and the Knight's Companion' by V. S. Naipaul (last of seven parts). Read by Bill Wallis.

5.00 PM: News 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 Going Places. The world of transport and travel. With Clive Jacobs.

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Pick of the Week. With Margaret Howard†.

8.20 Stop Press. Nigel Rees examines the way the newspapers have behaved this week.

8.45 Any Questions? With Sheila McKechnie, Michael Winner, Professor Ted Wragg, Dan Charrington, and John Timpson.

9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes a discussion on the future of the West End theatre. There is comment, too, on Michael White's book Empty Seats, and the new film The Natural.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Second of two stories by William Trevor: 'Another Christmas'. Read by Denys Hawthorne 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Week Ending. A satirical review of the week's news.

12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

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Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: part one. Stravinsky's Eight Instrumental Miniatures for chamber orchestra; Delius's Cello Concerto (Du Pre/RPO); Haydn's Symphony No 46. †

8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Wagner's overture Rienzi; Saint-Saens's Piano Concerto No 4 (Pascal Roge/Philharmonia); Ireland's Symphonic Rhapsody: Mai Dun. †

9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Gluck. Act 5 of Armide. Hickox conducts City of London Sinfonia and Richard Hickox Singers. With Rolfe Johnson, Palmer, Harris, Russell, Roberts and Keith Lewis. †

10.00 French Piano Duets: James Walker and Andrew Wilson-Dickson. Debussy's Petite Suite: Fauré's Dolly Suite Op 56: Ravel's Ma Mere L'Oye.†

10.45 Langham Chamber Orchestra (Carewe conducting). Martinu's Divertimento (Serenade No 4); Tippett's Little Music for String Ochestra; Malcolm Arnold's Concerto for 28.†

11.25 Respighi and Szymanowski: Iris dell'Acqua (soprano), Paul Hamburger (piano). Respighi's Cinque liriche; Szymanowski's Six Songs of Fairy Princess Op 31.†

12.05 Monte Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra (Foster conducting): with Tamas Vasary (piano). Part one. Bizet's Symphony in C; Ravel's Piano Concerto in G.† 1.00 News.

1.05 Concert: part two. Ravel's suite Mother Goose; Roussel's Bacchus and Ariadne, Suite No 2.†

1.45 The Flute's Pleasure Garden. Frans Bruggen (recorders) plays works by Jacob van Eyck and Jean-Féry Rebel.†

2.20 Nash Ensemble Czech Series Part One. With Anthony Rolfe Johnson (tenor): Novak's Trio quasi una ballata Op 27: Bainbridge's Music for Mel and Nora for oboe and piano; Tomasek's Goethe songs: Dvorak's Love Songs Op 83.† 3.10 Interval reading.

3.15 Recital: part two. Dvorak's Piano Quartet in E flat Op 87.†

4.00 Choral Evensong: from St John's College, Cambridge.†

4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of David Hoult's selections.†

6.30 Music for Guitar: Hubert Kappel plays works by Leo Brouwer, and Henze (first UK performance of Royal Winter Music No 2).†

7.00 Red Beans and Rice in Paradise: Russell Davies explores the delights of New Orleans cuisine. The reader: David Peart.

7.30 Boston Symphony Orchestra (conducted by Seiji Ozawa). Part one. Brahms's Serenade in D. †

8.15 An English Tutor in Tsarist Russia: Nicholas Courtney reads from a memoir by his father Geoffrey Courtney who was tutor to the son of a lady-in-waiting to the wife of Nicholas II. The first of two readings †

8.35 Concert: part two. Dvorak's Symphony No 9 (From the New World). †

9.25 The Warsaw Uprising: Michael Charlton talks to Jan Nowak who, during the last war, was a courier between the Home Army in Poland and the government-in-exile in London.

10.10 Christopher Headington: piano recital. He plays his own Five Preludes (1953), Toccata (1962), and Piano Sonata No 2 (1974).†

10.40 Children of the Wind: The Barrow Poets read an anthology of poetry and music on the theme of "air". †

11.00 The English Concert: with Jennifer Smith (soprano). Purcell's Suite of theatre music from Abdelazer and other plays: Handel's Concerto Grosso in B flat Op 6 No 7; Cantata: Silete Venti. †

11.57 News. Until 12.00.

Radio 2

On medium wave. † denotes VHF stereo. News on the hour (except 8.00pm and 9.00). Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.

4.00am Colin Berry.† 5.30 Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan† including 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00pm Steve Jones† including 1.05 Sports Desk 2.00 Gloria Hunniford †including 2.02 Sports Desk. 3.10 Racing from Newmarket. 3.30 Music all the way.† 4.00 Martin Stanford †including 4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF only). 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night from the City Hall, Hull, including 8.20-8.40 Interval, Peter Pratt presents the English Heritage Singers. 9.30 The Organist Entertains celebration of Reginald Dixon's 80th birthday. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Show with No Name. 10.30 Broadway Babes (15): 'Fair Ladies'. Presenter: Sheridan Morley. 11.00 Late Night Friday (stereo from midnight). 1.00 Nightride.† 3.00 Big Band Special.† 3.30-4.00 String Sounds.†

Radio 1

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6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Mark Page. 4.30 Select-a-Disc with Peter Powell. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy Peebles with rock music. 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show, Classic rock music, past and present with Tommy Vance (stereo from midnight).

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WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Second Hearing. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Roots And Branches. 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Incredible Flautists. 8.30 A New Order For International Human Rights. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Persona Grata. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 I've Heard That Song Before. 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In the Meantime. 11.25 Ulster Newsletter. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz for the Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 John Peel. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Letterbox. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Three Italian Writers. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four hours. 8.30 Science in Action. 9.00 News Summary. 9.01 Network UK. 9.15 Music Now. 9.45 Nineteen Eighty-four 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 From the Weeklies. 11.30 Hollywood Oscar Nights. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Recording of the Week. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 I've Heard That Song Before. 1.45 Letterbox. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People and Politics. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Talking About Music. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC 1 Wales: 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales headlines. 4.30-4.35 Interval. 4.35-4.55 Hartbeat (as BBC1 5.15pm). 5.35-5.58 Wales today. 6.30-7.00 The Good Life. 12.00-12.05am News and weather. **Scotland:** 12.55-1.00 The Scottish news. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 9.25-10.15 The 81st National Mod. 10.15-11.55 Film: Honky Tonk Freeway (1981) (Beau Bridges). 11.55-12.00 News and weather. **Northern Ireland:** 12.57-1.00 Northern Ireland news. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 12.00-12.05am News and weather. **England:** 6.30-6.55 Regional news magazines.

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CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Sorry Wrong Number. 3.00-4.00 Hart to Hart. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55 What's On Where. 10.34 In Camera. 11.05 Film: Blind Terror. 12.35am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 We'll Meet Again. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00-4.00 Bounder. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.35-7.00 Funny You Should Say That. 10.30 Superbowl. 11.40 Late Call. 11.45 Teachers Only. 12.15am Closedown.

HTV As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: It's That Man Again* (Tommy Handley). 3.00-3.30 Movie Makers. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Let's Go. 10.30 Your Say. 10.45 West This Week. 11.15 Film: Vampire Circus. 12.40am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 11.22am-11.37 About Wales. 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 A Week in the Life of . . . 11.00-12.30am Film: Vampire Circus.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.00 Film: Sorry Wrong Number (Barbara Stanwyck). 6.00-7.00 News. 10.35 Hill Street Blues. 11.35 Film: Carquake (David Carradine). 1.10am Closedown.

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TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Law and Disorder (Michael Redgrave) 6.00 News. 6.02 Three Little Words. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 10.32 Film: The Gorgon. 12.00 Rock Alive. 12.30am Three's Company, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30 That's My Dog. 2.00 Television Superbowl. 3.25 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Granada Reports. 6.05 Weekend. 6.55-7.00 Superbowl. 10.30 Superbowl. 11.40 Film: Uncanny. 1.20am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30-3.00 Film: Rhodes of Africa. (Walter Huston). 3.30-4.00 Protectors. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.20 Sportscast. 6.45-7.00 Advice with Anne Hailes. 10.30 Common Tongue. 11.00 Wagon Train. 12.25am News, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-3.00 Film: Desert Mice* (Alfred Marks). 6.00-7.00 About Anglia. 10.30 Motocross. 11.00 Film: Devils of Darkness. 12.40am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Sorry, Wrong Number (Barbara Stanwyck). 3.00-4.00 Hart To Hart. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Todday South West. 6.30-7.00 What's Ahead. 10.35 Film: Villa Rides! (Yul Brynner). 12.45 Postscript, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 That's My Dog. 2.00 Television Superbowl. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Take The High Road. 10.30 Superbowl. 11.40 Streets Of San Francisco. 12.35am News, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.32 Return of the Saint. 2.30 Three Little Words. 3.00 Afternoon Club. 3.27-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30-7.00 Country Ways. 10.30 Whole New Ball Game: 11.00 Danger; Wolves on Set. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Three Little Words. 2.00-3.25 Television Superbowl. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes. 10.30 Superbowl. 1.40 Jack Jones at Culverhouse. 12.10am Rock of the Seventies. 12.40 Closedown.

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Pit strike boost for candle makers

By Patricia Clough

Britons are stocking up on candles, gas lanterns and warm underwear against the possibility of coal shortages and power cuts this winter.

A chain of hardware stores estimated yesterday that it is selling three times as many candles and gas lamps as is normal for this time of year. Britain's biggest manufacturers of thermal clothing, Damnart, said that sales of warm underwear are up by 30 per cent over last year, and that many of the buyers are older people worried about the effects of the coal dispute.

"It's a Wise Virgin situation". Mr Martin Hare, marketing manager for Robert Dyas, the hardware chain, said. People were not panicking, but making a small insurance against what might happen, he added.

Candlemakers are working overtime to meet the demand. Price's, Britain's biggest candle manufacturer, has started 10-hour shifts at its factory in Wandsworth, London, to keep retailers stocked. It is producing 200,000 candles a day instead of its usual 136,000 for this time of year. The biggest demand is for the cheap white household candles.

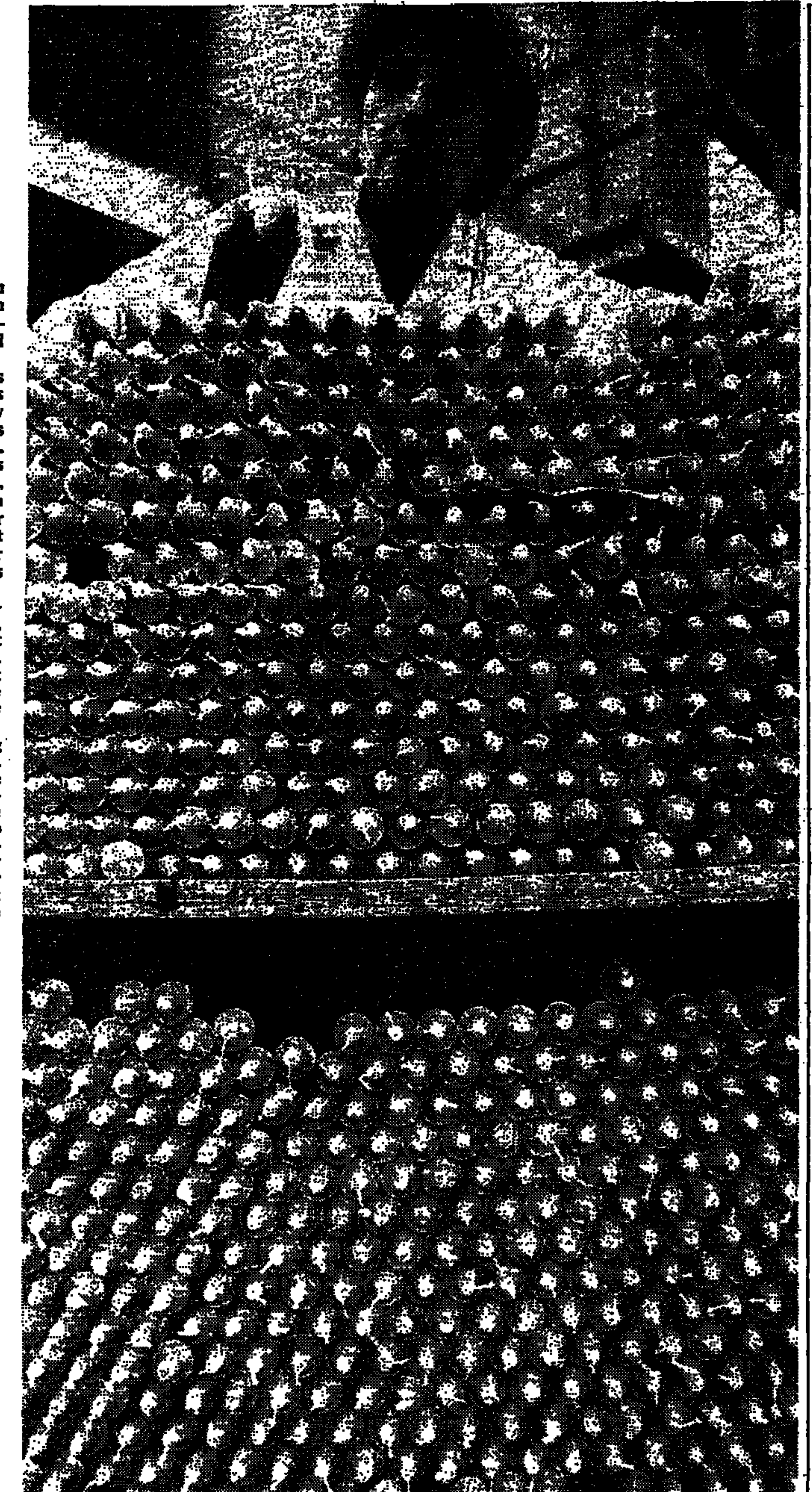
If power cuts did begin, the company would keep production going round the clock to cope with the demand, as it did during the 1973 blackouts, a spokesman said.

Most firms appear confident that they could cope with prolonged and severe power cuts and a coal shortage. Calor Gas Ltd says that it has ample supplies of gas heaters and will have 50,000 tons of gas stored by December.

Black's Camping and Leisure, which has camping shops all over the country, is holding between 15 and 20 times the normal autumn stocks of camping stoves, lanterns and thermal underwear.

Camping Gaz Ltd, which makes the largest number of gas lamps, says that it can bring supplies over from France if necessary.

None of the firms which could make big profits from a cold dark winter is relishing the thought of blackouts and shortages. All are reluctant to invest in huge stocks which may be difficult to sell if there are no emergencies.



Candle power: Stocks pile up as Price's, Britain's biggest candle manufacturer, increases production at its factory in Wandsworth, London (Photograph: John Voos)

Coal board likely to reject NUM terms

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Mr Sid Vincent, general secretary of the Lancashire miners, said there were talks behind the scenes of activity to get the two sides back together again "almost immediately".

But he added: "Our position is quite clear. Whatever agreement is made between this organization and the coal board, the whole pit closure programme will have to be withdrawn – or our lads will have been on strike for eight months for nothing."

Mr Trevor Bell, right-wing leader of the Colliery Officials and Staff Area of the union, said: "We are ready for negotiations at any time. We want to end this dispute."

However, spokesmen for the coal board said they were unaware of any peace moves and Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary of the NUM, said that talk of renewed peace negotiations was still "media speculation".

He continued "We do not want to go through the exercise we have been through in recent months, but if the coal board has something to offer we will meet them. We have constanly expressed our willingness to meet if there is something to talk about."

With the pit deputies due to strike in six days' time, the NUM is clearly not in a mood to make concessions.

Chancellor calms fears of higher loan rates

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Mr Lawson also reemphasized his "long-standing" policy of improving the supply side of the economy, and argued that there can be "no conflict" between this and "maintaining the financial discipline necessary to reduce inflation further". He said this was why it "makes no sense" to say that the Government "has switched or should switch its priorities."

Mr Lawson said he did not expect the growth rate to be "steady". But he could see "precious few signs" that the British economy was heading for a downturn. He saw a "further good year for output in 1985". And, in an effort to depress speculation about his tax plans for the next Budget, the Chancellor concluded by saying he had "no wish to play Caesar Augustus".

At one stage yesterday, the pound traded at $1.1820. Weak spot prices for North Sea oil, with Brent crude trading at $26.75 against a new official price of $28.65, affected sentiment on sterling, as did the continuing deadlock in the miners' strike.

A sharp shift in sentiment appears to have occurred in New York. Parity, a one dollar pound, is being discussed as a possibility. A trader at one of America's largest banks said: "It is in the realms of possibility if the oil price continues to decline, the miners' strike remains unresolved and Reagan gets back in here."

The Government has refused to be forced into a basic rate rise by sterling's sharp fall.

Money markets rates rose yesterday, the key three-month interbank rate rising to 11⅝-11¾ at one stage, indicating a ¾-1 per cent rise. They closed ⅜ down from this level, although City economists say that the possibility of an early base rate rise remains.

The stock market had a quiter day. Early marks-downs by jobbers were corrected as buyers came in. Any selling pressure was concentrated on *second-line stocks*, accounting for much of the estimated £1,700m wiped off share values during the day. This brought the three-day loss to £8,500m.

Kinnock's pit aid sought

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and expected that some of their members would if necessary cross picket lines.

Mr McNestry said that members of the British Association of Colliery Management were unlikely to attempt to do the deputies' work, which has to be performed under law if collieries are to remain open.

"But only time will tell on that matter."

He said that if they did seek to do the deputies' work the effect would be "minimal". There are not enough managers to cover the work which would be left undone if his members came out.

"If they did do our work it would be difficult for them when normality returns", Mr McNestry added.

Letter from Inverness

Language of lament fails the tea test

Behind the gentle songs of love, longing and lament sung at the Mod in Inverness this week there has been some uncharacteristically hard words exchanged about the ancient Gaelic language. The Mod is the Highland equivalent of the Welsh Eisteddfod, but historically the Gaels have been less progressive at promoting their language than the Welsh. Some blame this on their natural diffidence of on the all-swamping English tongue. Others fear that what little had been achieved in the Western Isles through a bilingual policy in local government and education is now jeopardized by local authority spending cuts.

The purists see other threats. The Rev Colin MacKenzie, a Gaelic literary judge, was distressed less by the possibel death of the language – indeed he wondered whether it had not already died – but by its corruption by unnecessary English words.

"Teachers, writers and broadcasters used the language, he complained, in a way he feared would make it 'a language belonging to the Gaelic ghettos'." He went on: "It has become so degraded and so interlaced with unnecessary English words it is becoming pidgin".

The Rev MacKenzie said he would rather see Gaelic die tomorrow the noble death of the classical languages of Greece and Rome than slide on its backside into the ghetto of nostalgic senility. He delivered this view in English and some Gaelic speakers listening to him perhaps wondered whether TV for example was not a neater way of referring to television than *eejalshallach ayshchack* (the spelling is phonetic) which means "hearing-viewing machine".

Even in Inverness, which is not many miles from the heart of Gaeldom, the Gaels kept hitting the occasional wall of blank incomprehension. A woman ahead of me in the cafeteria queue, a proudly self-taught Gaelic speaker, demanded (again phonetically) "koop an tyay machet hal". The waitress blinked and the woman repeated the order. The waitress shuffled her feet. Perhaps she came from Shetland where, with the opening of a Chinese restaurant, Cantonese speakers are now said to outnumber the Gaels. The woman gave up. "For goodness sake, a cup of tea please!"

At the height of the Mod, the Free Church of Scotland highlighted the "stubborn problem" caused by the continuing use of Gaelic in church services. Although English services in the Islands and Western seaboard were far better attended, the standard practice was to hold only one English service a month.

The church insisted that Gaelic services must arise out of the life of the community. "When Gaelic ceases to be the language of the fish market, the public houses and the daily newspapers it must, on Protestant principles, cease to be the language of the pulpits", the church said. That day had almost arrived. The young fought, sang, argued, were educated and rebelled in English. Services to reach them must be in their own language.

The Gaelic community does seem fully aware of that. Eighteen pre-school playgroups have opened around Scotland where only Gaelic is spoken. Two new organizations are being set up with help from the Highlands and Islands Development Board to bring formal pressure in the promotion of Gaelic. One, Comunn Na Gaidhlig (CNAG), will coordinate the efforts of various organizations and have an educational role while the other, CLI, will be responsible for Gaelic learners' courses. The board is giving £200,000 to cover the first four years of operation and, it is understood, part of the grant that An Comunn Gaidhealach, the Gaelic cultural society, receives for its educational work.

The latest survey suggests that the number of Gaelic speakers is about 81,000, a healthy stabilization of the decline. But Mr Iain MacIllechiar, chairman of the Parents for Gaelic Medium Education, told a Mod forum that while public support nationally had never been stronger, historically the language had never been so weak. "If the means were not created to allow children to use Gaelic in leisure and in education, it was not a part of broadcasting and publishing, then there would be no future for Gaelic speakers. The lasts of the Scots would have joined the last of the Picts.

Ronald Faux

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, attends a meeting in Gland, Switzerland; departs Heathrow, 6.50am.

The Prince of Wales, vistits the National Star Centre for Disabled Youth, Ullenwood Manor, Ullenwood, Cheltenham, Glos, 3.

Princess Anne lunches with the Council of Lloyds, Lime St, EC2, 12; and later takes tea with the Bangladesh High Commissioner at his residence, Spaniards Close, NW11, 4; as Master of the Worshipful Company of Farriers she, attends a Livery dinner at the Innholders' Hall, 6.40.

Princess Alexandra visits Cannes, France for the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the town by Lord Brougham; departs Heathrow, 12.20.

New exhibitions

Cadbury's National Exhibition of Children's Art; City Art Gallery, The Headrow, Leeds, Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Wed 10 to Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 5; (ends Nov 25).

Drawings by Franc Caucig; Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Cambridge; Tues to Sat 2 to 5, Sun 2.15 to 5; (ends Jan 27).

The De Pass Collection; featuring the Terrible Tale of the Yacht Mignonette; Art Gallery, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth; Mon to Fri 10 to 1 and 2 to 4.30; (ends Nov 2).

Figure 84: drawings, paintings, sculpture and ceramics; Colin Jellicoe Gallery, 82 Portland St, Manchester, Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 1 to 5; (ends Nov 10).

Music

Bristol Festival for Children: concert by the London Sinfonietta; Colston Hall, Bristol, 7.30.

Concert by the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra; St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Recital by Felicity Lott (soprano) and Graham Johnson (piano); North Bromsgrove High School, School Drive, Bromsgrove, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

Ritual in bronze, by J Calder; *Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers* St, Edinburgh, 11.

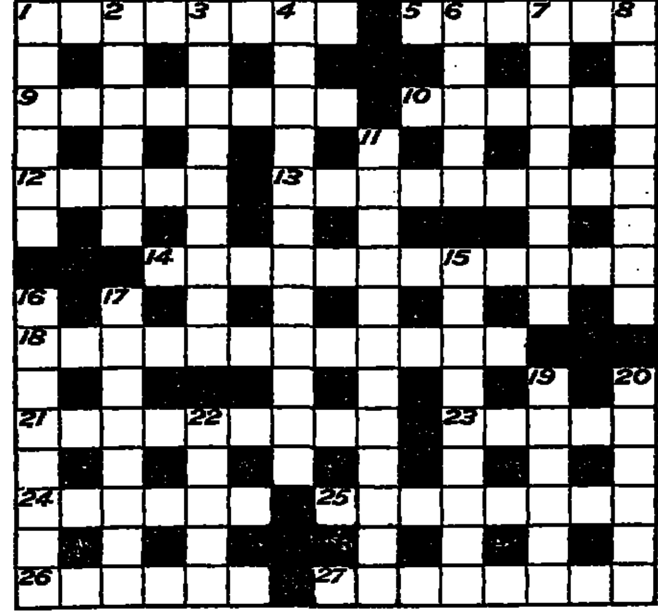
The watercolours of Turner, by Andrew Wilton; Usher Gallery, Lindum Rd, Lincoln, 7.30.

General

Book Fair; The Town Hall, St Andrews, Fife: 12 to 8; tomorrow 10 to 5.

Bristol Festival for Children: Children's Book Fair, 10 to 7, (ends tomorrow); Photography Workshop: punk politics, skinhead science and ted technology; 10.30 to 12.30; Victoria Rooms, Bristol.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,565



ACROSS

1 Driver, prepare to shoot the bird! (8).
5 Put on, or get off, the line (4,2).
9 Give order to reinforce one's absent fellow member (8).
10 Front-of-house musical entertainment (6).
12 Possible price? Nevertheless, there's nothing off (5).
13 Edmund's cavalry (9).
14 Bad luck is soon encountered in crazy scheme (12).
18 Supports Herts town with alternative plan (6,6).
21 In the same church in a part of Asia (9).
23 Chief's pronouncement in North America (5).
24 Striving for best quality china (6).
25 A tonic to lift 23 (4-2-2).
26 Special equipment for weight-lifter (6).
27 Trespass in border area (8).

DOWN

1 Gate guarded by striker (6).
2 Wild animals found in pound (6).
3 Pilgrim as leader of mutiny (9).
4 Chaplains mad about way one gets church office (12).
6 Assemble in a reduced state (5).
7 Magnificence of piano on the continent (8).
8 Unwilling recruits editor abandoned as his staff? (8).
11 Talk, for a change, about a Tory leader (12).
15 Carriage for James I, say (3-6).
16 Candidate has partisan constituents (8).
17 Fellow of no practical significance? (8).
19 Homer's responsibility, you might say (6).
20 Head's part in building of Christian character, perhaps (6).
22 Feature of Mars and Zeus reversed (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,564

Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

Food prices

Some Lamb cuts are up a few pence a pound this week; whole leg ranges from £1.38 to £1.70, loin chops £1.54 to £1.98 and whole shoulder 78p to £1.14 a lb. Comparable prices for New Zealand cuts are: leg £1.28 to £1.50, loin chops £1.06 to £1.50 and shoulder 64p to 94p. Beef is mostly stable; some cuts up a penny or two, such as boneless sirloin, ranging from £2.28 to £3.39 a lb and boneless brisket £1.30–£1.68, but rump steak is down slightly. Pork is also slightly up: loin chops are £1.29 to £1.54 and boneless shoulder £1.00 to £1.44.

Good buys this week: Marks & Spencers' fresh chickens, down by 10p a lb, ranging in size from 2lb 4oz to 6lb 9oz. Safeway: poussins are down 16p a lb to 99p; fresh turkeys, 89p; whole leg of pork down 30p to 99p a lb. Presto have Scotch, English and Welsh lamb legs for £1.38 a lb, shouders at 78p and chops at £1.58. Tesco: boneless rolled rib at *£1.58 a lb, also* frozen ducks 69p a lb, New Zealand leg of lamb £1.18, shoulder 64p and chops 98p a pound and corn-fed chickens, 69p a lb.

Most fish is good quality and value. Prices vary regionally, but examples in London and the south-east are cod fillets £1.47 a lb, haddock £1.55, lemon sole £1.40, mackerel 56p and coley 80p. Delicious boned herring is 69p a lb.

Good vegetable buys include homegrown white potatoes at 8–10p a lb and reds at 9–12p. Brussels sprouts, 20–30p, carrots, 10–16p, cauliflowers 30–45p each and parsnips, 18–25p a lb.

English Cox's and French Golden Delicious apples are reaching their *best and range from 25–35p, and* 20–28p a lb respectively.

Parliament today

Lords (11): Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, third reading, second day.

Anniversaries

Births: Sir Thomas Browne, physician and author, London (Nov 19?), 1605; he died on October 19 at Norwich, 1682; Leigh Hunt, essayist, Southgate, Middlesex, 1784; Adam Lindsay Gordon, poet, Fayal, Azores, 1833.

John, King of England 1199-1216, Newark, Lincolnshire, 1216; Joanathan Swift, Dublin, 1745; Ernest Rutherford, Baron Rutherford of Nelson, Physicist, Cambridge, 1937.

Roads

Wales and West: A55: Contraflow on Llandulais bypass between Holywell and Colwyn Bay. M5: Contraflow between junctions 15 (Bristol/S Wales) and 17 (Bristol West Severn Beach/Clifton); southbound entry closed at june 16; northbound entry slip road restrictions am Monday to midnight Saturday. M5: Outside lanes closed between junctions 8 (M50) and 9 (Tewkesbury) Hereford and Worcester.

The Midlands: A46: Roadworks S of Newark at Farndon crossroads, Notts. A34: Roadworks in Henley in Arden. A5: Contraflow SE of Tamworth, Warwicks.

The North: A534: Severe delays on Crewe Rd, Haslington, E of Crewe.

Scotland: A9: Traffic control and lane closures between Highland Region boundary and N of Calvine. A92: Lane closures on Nether St at St Clair St, Kirkaldy.

Top films

The top box-office films in London:

1 (-) The Women in Red
2 (1) Company of Wolves
3 (-) 1984
4 (2) Top Secret
5 (3) Paris, Texas
6 (4) Once Upon a Time in America
7 (5) The Bostonians
8 (7) Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom
9 (8) Electric Dreams
10 (6) Streets of Fire

The top films in the provinces:

1 Comfort and Joy
2 Company of Wolves
3 Reuben, Reuben
4 Bachelor Party
5 Top Secret

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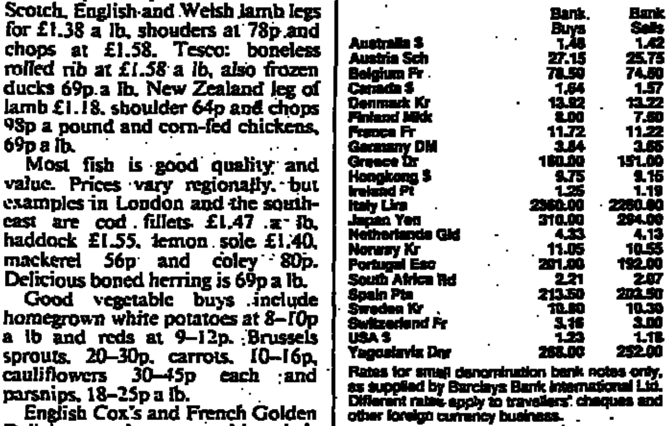
The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.48	1.42
Austria Sch	27.15	25.75
Belgium Fr	78.50	74.50
Canada $	1.64	1.57
Denmark Kr	13.92	13.22
Finland Mkk	8.00	7.60
France Fr	11.72	11.22
Germany DM	3.84	3.65
Greece Dr	160.00	151.00
Hongkong $	9.75	9.15
Ireland Pt	1.25	1.19
Italy Lira	2360.00	2250.00
Japan Yen	310.00	294.00
Netherlands Gld	4.33	4.13
Norway Kr	11.05	10.55
Portugal Esc	201.00	192.00
South Africa Rd	2.21	2.07
Spain Pta	213.50	202.50
Sweden Kr	10.80	10.30
Switzerland Fr	3.16	3.00
USA $	1.23	1.18
Yugoslavia Dnr	268.00	252.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 355.5.

London: The FT Index closed down 4.2 at 834.6



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Weather forecast

A strong showery SW veering NW flow will cover all areas.

6am to midnight

London, SE England, East Anglia: Becoming cloudy with showers or longer periods of rain, wind SW fresh or strong; max 13C (55F).

Central S, E, NW, central N, NE England; E, W Midlands, Channel Islands: Showers, heavy at times, some sunny intervals; wind SW veering NW fresh or strong; max temp 14C (57F).

SW England, S, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland: Mostly cloudy, frequent showers, some prolonged; sunny intervals developing; wind SW veering NW fresh or strong, locally gale; max temp 13C (55F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Scattered showers, sunny periods; wind SW veering NW fresh or strong; max temp 13C (55F).

SW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Showers, heavy at times with thunder and hail, some sunny intervals; wind SW veering NW strong, locally gale; max temp 11C (52F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Changeable; all districts will have showers or longer periods of rain, also sunny intervals; temperatures near or rather below normal; windy at first.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): wind SW strong or gale, occasionally severe gale; showers; visibility moderate or good; sea very rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: wind SW veering NW strong or gale, occasionally severe gale; showers; visibility moderate or good; sea very rough.

Sun rises: 7.32 am | Sun sets: 5.59 pm
Moon sets: 4.28 pm | Moon rises: 1.22 am Tomorrow

New Moon October 24

Lighting-up time

London 6.29 pm to 7.03 am
Bristol 5.38 pm to 7.13 am
Edinburgh 5.32 pm to 7.25 am
Manchester 5.33 pm to 7.15 am
Penzance 5.53 pm to 7.22 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloudy; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	11	52	Guernsey	s	14	57
Birmingham	r	13	55	Inverness	r	10	50
Blackpool	c	14	57	Jersey	s	14	57
Bristol	f	14	57	London	f	14	57
Cardiff	c	14	57	Manchester	c	13	55
Edinburgh	r	8	46	Newcastle	f	12	54
Glasgow	r	8	46	Ronaldsway	c	13	55

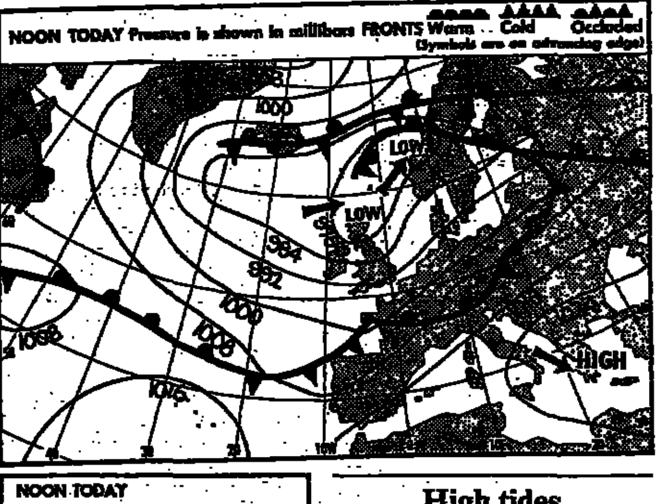
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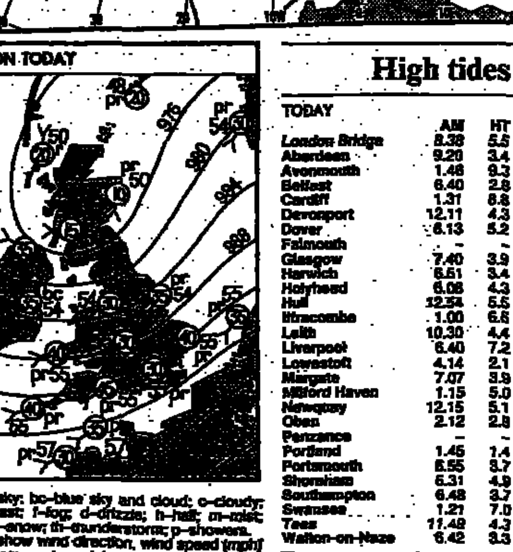
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6 pm, 73 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.09in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 3.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 997.0 millibars

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Jersey, Guernsey, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Stornoway, Aviemore, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Leconfield, 1.65in; highest sunshine: Penzance, Newquay, 8.4hr.

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b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.38	5.5	9.34	5.7
Aberdeen	9.20	3.4	9.37	3.5
Avonmouth	1.48	9.3	2.28	9.6
Belfast	6.40	2.8	7.08	3.1
Cardiff	1.31	8.8	2.13	9.0
Devonport	12.11	4.3	12.53	4.5
Dover	6.13	5.2	7.11	5.2
Falmouth	–	–	12.23	4.3
Glasgow	7.40	3.9	7.53	4.1
Harwich	6.51	3.4	7.44	3.6
Holyhead	6.08	4.3	6.42	4.6
Hull	12.54	6.6	2.20	6.7
Ilfracombe	1.00	6.6	1.45	6.8
Leith	10.30	4.4	11.03	4.5
Liverpool	6.40	7.2	7.19	7.4
Lowestoft	4.14	2.1	5.45	2.1
Margate	7.07	3.9	8.00	4.0
Milford Haven	1.15	5.0	2.00	5.2
Newquay	12.15	5.1	1.00	5.3
Oban	2.12	2.8	2.32	3.0
Penzance	–	–	12.13	4.5
Portland	1.45	1.4	2.11	1.8
Portsmouth	6.55	3.7	7.29	3.7
Shoreham	6.31	4.9	7.16	4.8
Southampton	6.48	3.7	7.12	3.7
Swansea	1.21	7.0	2.07	7.3
Tees	11.49	4.3	–	–
Walton-on-Naze	6.42	3.3	7.41	3.4

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	21	70	Cologne	s	17	63	Majorca	f	21	70	Rome	f	22	72
Akrotiri	f	22	72	Copenhgn	c	12	54	Malaga	s	21	70	Salzburg	s	19	66
Alexandria	c	25	77	Corfu	s	21	70	Malta	f	21	70	Sao Paulo			
Algiers				Dublin	f	12	54	Melbourne	f	14	57	S Francisco			
Amsterdam	r	13	55	Dubrovnik	s	19	66	Mexico C				Santiago*	s	22	72
Athens	s	18	64	Faro	c	20	68	Miami*	s	29	84	Seoul	s	21	70
Bahrain	s	32	90	Florence	c	18	64	Milan	fg	13	55	Singapore	f	31	88
Barbados				Frankfurt	f	16	61	Montreal				Stockholm	c	9	48
Barcelona	f	22	72	Funchal	f	22	72	Moscow	c	4	39	Strasbourg	s	19	66
Beirut	th	18	64	Geneva	s	19	66	Munich	s	16	61	Sydney	s	17	63
Belgrade	s	16	61	Gibraltar	c	20	68	Nairobi	f	26	79	Tangier	s	24	75
Berlin	c	14	57	Helsinki	s	10	50	Naples	s	19	66	Tel Aviv	f	23	73
Bermuda				Hongkong	f	21	70	New Delhi	s	30	86	Tenerife	s	25	77
Biarritz	s	22	72	Innsbruck	s	18	64	New York				Tokyo	f	24	75
Boulogne	c	14	57	Istanbul	f	14	57	Nice	s	18	64	Toronto			
Bordeaux	f	19	66	Jiddah	s	34	93	Oslo	c	7	45	Tunis	s	21	70
Brussels	c	14	57	Jo'burg				Paris	r	14	57	Valencia	s	22	72
Budapest	s	13	55	Karachi	s	30	86	Peking	c	14	57	Vancouver			
Buen Aires				Las Palmas	s	25	77	Perth	s	25	77	Venice	s	16	61
Cairo	f	25	77	Lisbon	f	18	64	Prague	s	17	63	Vienna	s	11	52
Cape Tn	c	18	64	Locarno	fg	15	59	Reykjavik	c	4	39	Warsaw	f	12	54
C'blanca	f	21	70	L Angeles				Rhodes	s	21	70	Washington			
Chicago				Luxembg	f	16	61	Riyadh	s	34	93	Wellington*	f	15	59
Ch'church*	s	17	63	Madrid	s	19	66	Rio de Jan	s	30	86	Zurich	s	17	63

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